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Groton Flyin breakfast 8am today, lunch at noon, Groton Lions Club, lots to see Plane rides all day till 4 ,and again on Monday. Groton Airport, 5 miles North, half east, Groton

Catholic: SEAS Confession, 7:45-8:15 a.m., SEAS Mass, 8:30 a.m.; Turton Confession, 10:30-10:45 a.m.; Turton Mass, 11 a.m.

Methodist: Communion in Worship, 8:30am Conde Worship, 9:30am Coffee Hour, 10:30am Groton Worship

Emmanuel: 9 am Worship/Communion

Worship w/Holy Communion: St. John's 9:00 am, Zion 11:00 am

5 - LABOR DAY

NO SCHOOL

Emmanuel: 6:30 am Bible Study

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In girls soccer action the past two days, Dakota Valley defeated Groton Area, 2-1, on Friday, and on Saturday, Tea Area defeated Groton Area, 2-0.

OPEN: **Recycling Trailer in Groton**
The recycling trailer is located west of the city shop. It takes cardboard, papers and aluminum cans.

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THE ILLUSTRATED BIBLE

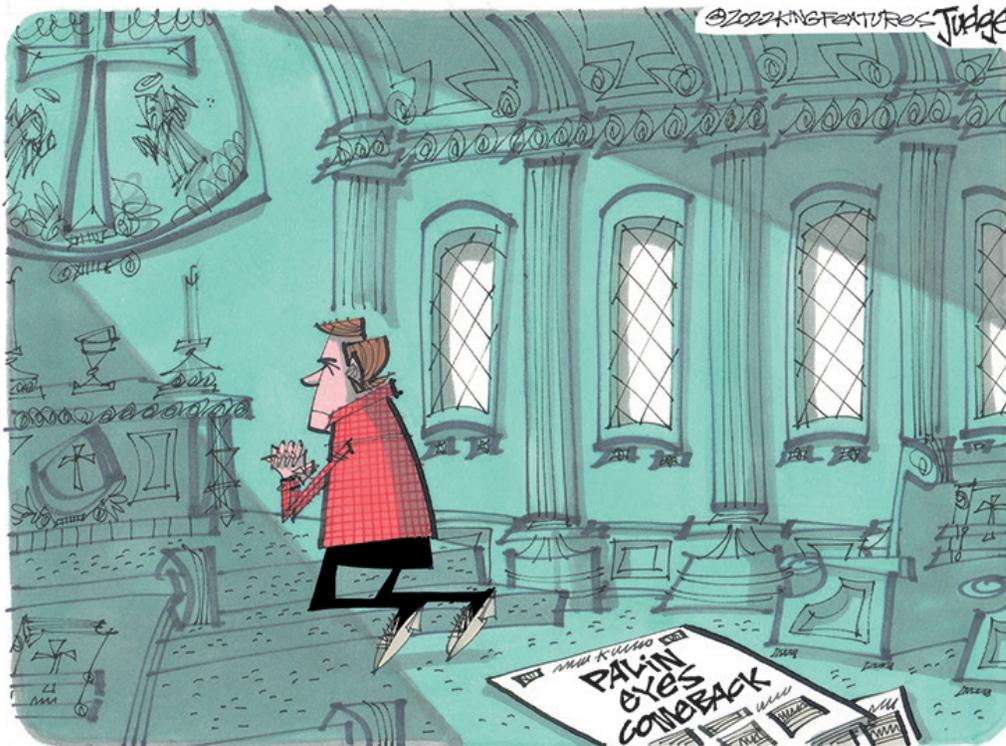


*...The wicked boasts of his soul's
desire; he blesses the greedy and
despises the Lord. The wicked,
through the pride of his countenance,
will not seek God;
God is not in all his thoughts.*

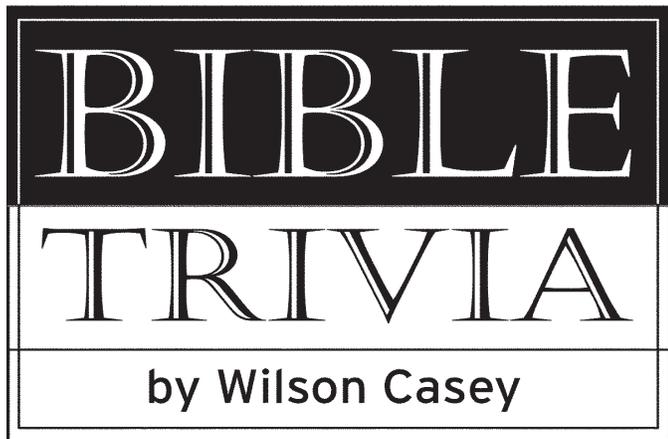
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"Head of a Man" by Pablo Picasso (1908)

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A POLITICAL CARTOONIST HAS A PRAYER ANSWERED.



Tomato and Basil Onion Soup

Homegrown tomatoes soon will be nothing but a pleasant memory. But before they are, why not stir up a pot of this wonderful soup. It's perfect for all of us tomato and basil fans!

1 cup finely chopped onion

1 (10 3/4-ounce) can reduced-fat tomato soup

1 cup water

3 cups peeled and chopped fresh tomatoes

2 tablespoons minced fresh basil or 2 teaspoons dried basil

In a large saucepan sprayed with butter-flavored cooking spray, saute onion for 6-8 minutes. Stir in tomato soup and water. Bring mixture to a boil. Stir in tomatoes and basil. Lower heat and simmer for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally. Makes 4 (1 1/4 cup) servings.

HINT: 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes can be used in place of fresh tomatoes.

* Each serving equals: 109 calories, 1g fat, 2g protein, 23g carb., 300mg sodium, 3g fiber; Diabetic Exchanges: 2 Vegetable, 1/2 Starch.

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1. Is the book of Labor in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. From Ecclesiastes 4, how many are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor? *Two, Three, Five, Seven*

3. In 1 Kings 5, how many thousand men comprised the labor force that King Solomon raised? *1, 5, 10, 30*

4. What son of Abda was in charge of the forced labor in David's kingdom? *Baal, Adoniram, Cyrenius, Phaneul*

5. From Exodus 20, how many days shalt thou labor and do all thy work? *Two, Four, Six, Seven*

6. Proverbs 14:23 states, "In all labor there is ..." *Love, Hope, Light, Profit*

ANSWERS: 1) Neither, 2) Two, 3) 30, 4) Adoniram, 5) Six, 6) Profit

Sharpen your understanding of scripture with Wilson's Casey's latest book, "Test Your Bible Knowledge," available in bookstores and online.

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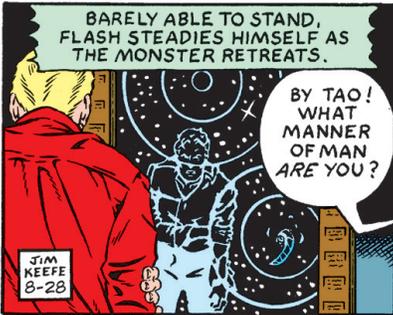
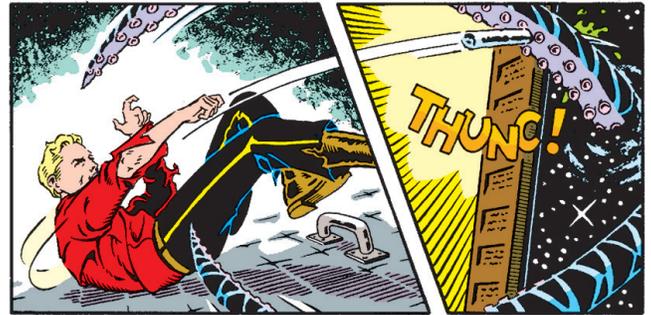
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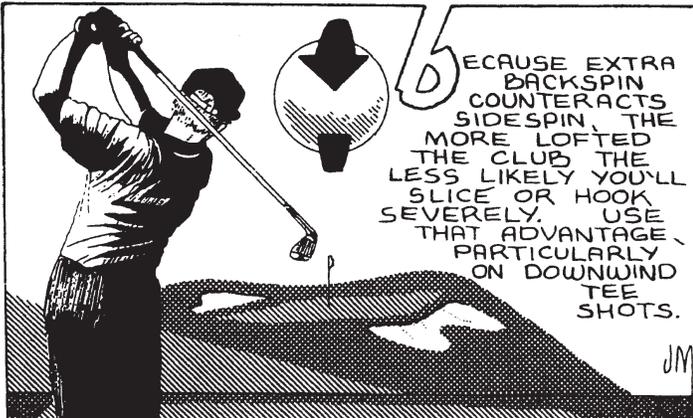
FLASH GORDON

WITH A HERCULEAN EFFORT, FLASH BURSTS BACK THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS!

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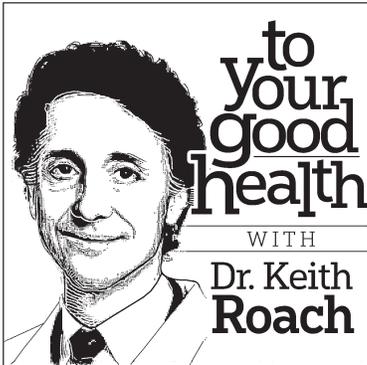
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Size of Aneurysm Determines Whether Surgery Is Necessary



DEAR DR. ROACH: My husband will be 83 in September and was recently diagnosed with an ascending thoracic aortic aneurysm measuring 4.8 cm. Five centimeters is when the doctors decide to do something. After hearing about the survival rate based on your recent column, along with your comment that "most people do not survive a rupture of the aorta," I'm scared. Why do they wait until 5.0 or rupture? His doctor says to test again in six months and to just keep his blood pressure down. Shouldn't he be careful about strenuous activities until repair? We can only wait at this point, it seems. -- C.G.

ANSWER: The aorta, the largest blood vessel in the body, comes directly off the heart, ascends to form an arch, and then descends through the chest into the abdomen. The aorta is then considered in three divisions: the ascending

thoracic aorta; the descending thoracic aorta; and the abdominal aorta. Aneurysms can occur in each of these areas, and each has slightly different criteria for when to intervene.

In my most recent column, that was an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Most adults with an ascending TAA are recommended for surgical repair at a diameter of 5.5 cm. However, if the aneurysm is rapidly expanding, surgery may be considered earlier. If a person has a medical illness, making surgery very risky, surgeons may wait until the size exceeds 6 cm. The decision on when to operate requires judgement from an experienced surgeon and cardiologist. This is a major surgery with potential for harm, including death, and it's not to be undertaken unless the benefits clearly outweigh the risks. Rupture is unlikely at less than 6 cm.

Keeping the blood pressure down (below 120 systolic) is a good idea. Beta blockers are most commonly used for that, based on studies in people with genetic risk for TAA, such as Marfan syndrome. Statin drugs are often used, as there is evidence to suggest that they slow down expansion of the aneurysm.

DEAR DR. ROACH: You recently wrote on the concerns of bisphosphonate drugs like alendronate (Fosamax) in people with osteoporosis. These drugs, especially intravenous zoledronic acid, have been game-changers in patients with breast and other cancers that spread to bone. They have dramatically reduced the incidence of dangerously high calcium in people with cancer and have substantially reduced bone fractures due to cancer. There is a considerable body of literature supporting their use as therapy to reduce recurrence, and even mortality, in selected patients with early stages of breast cancer.

When we first started using them [at the University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center], we observed osteonecrosis of the jaw in about 10% of treated patients. We quickly realized we could reduce the risk by using them less frequently and by having our patients see dentists to ensure hygiene before we start. With these considerations, the incidence of osteonecrosis of the jaw with bisphosphonates (or denosumab) has dropped to less than 1%.

These medicines are very important for patients with cancers that have spread to bone, and we don't want people afraid of these very effective agents that are safe when used correctly. -- D.H.

ANSWER: I appreciate the information from Dr. Daniel F. Hayes and am happy to share with my readers.

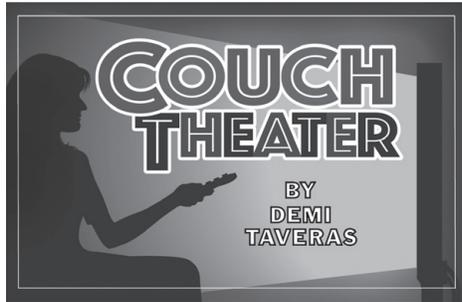
Dr. Roach regrets that he is unable to answer individual questions, but will incorporate them in the column whenever possible. Readers may email questions to ToYourGoodHealth@med.cornell.edu.

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Tom Hanks stars in a new live-action "Pinocchio." Courtesy of Disney

"Pinocchio" (PG) -- The new live-action retelling of the Disney classic "Pinocchio" has a timely release right on Disney+ Day, which Disney deemed Sept. 8. Tom Hanks stars in this film as Geppetto, an Italian woodcarver who built a puppet named Pinocchio and cared for him as if he were his own son. Pinocchio gets brought to life by the Blue Fairy, much to Geppetto's great joy, but Pinocchio longs for more -- he wishes to become a real boy.

The Blue Fairy promises to grant him his wish only if he remains brave, truthful and selfless, a feat that isn't as easy as it seems, especially when Pinocchio embarks upon a journey to the magical place of Pleasure Island where no one's around to enforce the rules. (Disney+)

"Aline" (PG-13) -- Inspired by the life story of legendary Canadian singer Celine Dion, this musical-drama film explores her life like never before, beginning with her early childhood years leading up to her rise to stardom. A young Aline, who is the fictionalized version of Dion, first achieves success as a young artist under her manager Guy-Klaude, but due to her age, Guy-Klaude advises Aline to wait until she fully matures into an adult before committing to the fame. This decision, no doubt, comes to be a definitive and positive turning point for the singer, both personally and professionally, as she eventually evolves become the angelic singer many people know and love. Premieres Sept. 9. (Prime Video)

"Tell Me Lies" (NR) -- This new thriller-drama series being released on Hulu is based off of Carola Lovering's book of the same name. Grace Van Patten stars as Lucy, a freshman in college who falls for an upperclassman named Stephen, a charming and mysterious man who's able to pierce through Lucy's tough, icy surface. Lucy and Stephen commence a steamy love affair, which turns eerie quickly, as a chain of events begin to unfold that slowly erodes Lucy's once-sturdy trust in Stephen. Executively produced by Emma Roberts, this series premieres Sept. 7, with episodes releasing weekly every Wednesday. (Hulu)

"I Came By" (TV-MA) -- This week's action film stand-out stars George Mackay ("1917"), Kelly Macdonald ("Boardwalk Empire") and Hugh Bonneville ("Downton Abbey"). Mackay portrays a 23-year-old graffiti artist, known for being part of the movement of street artists who enter the homes of the privileged and rich in their city and write "I Came By" onto their walls. When the graffiti artist decides to tag the home of a well-respected judge (Bonneville) in the area without his usual partner, he is haunted by a dark secret of the judge's that he never intended to learn. Unable to give up the fight, he finds himself in a dangerous game with a judge with great power and rage. Out now! (Netflix)

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FLASH BACK POP, ROCK & SOUL TRIVIA BY MICK HARPER

1. Which band released "Imaginary Lover"?
2. What did the Beatles do on Abbey Road?
3. Which song repeats the phrase "I know" 26 times?
4. Who wrote and released "Have You Heard"?
5. Name the song that contains these lyrics: "There ain't no gold and there ain't nobody like me, I'm the number one fan of the man from Tennessee."

Answers

1. The Atlanta Rhythm Section, in 1978.
2. The Fab Four crossed the road in northwest London, and the famous album cover photo was snapped while a policeman held up traffic. Unfortunately, the license plate on a nearby Volkswagen Beetle was clearly shown in the photo and the tag was repeatedly stolen.

3. "Ain't No Sunshine," by Bill Withers in 1971. Withers was going to write a third verse but was talked into the 26 "I knows" instead. The song went gold.

4. The Moody Blues, in 1969. The song was used in "Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D." in 2017.

5. "Please Come to Boston," by Dave Loggins in 1974. In the song, he asks the woman to follow him to Boston, Los Angeles and then Denver. Each time she says no. The song topped the Easy Listening chart that year.

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GRIN and BEAR IT ^{Wagner}

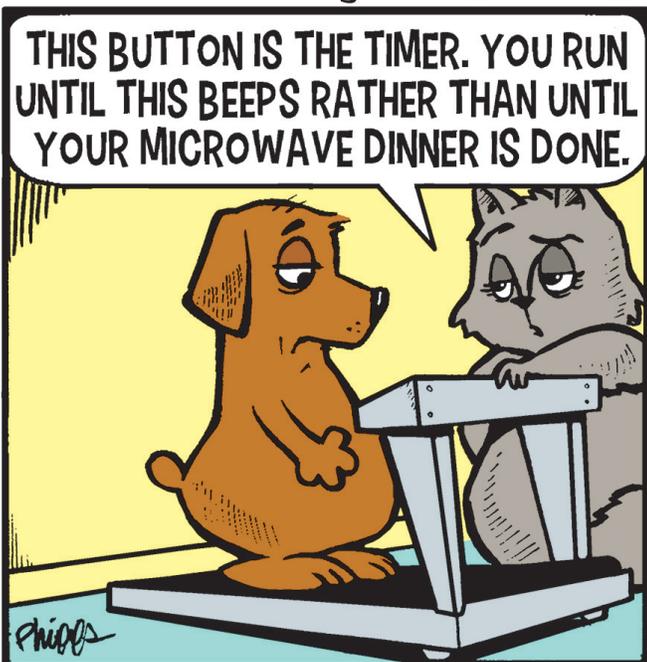
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"It's times like this that I wish we didn't have a cool car!"

Just Like Cats & Dogs

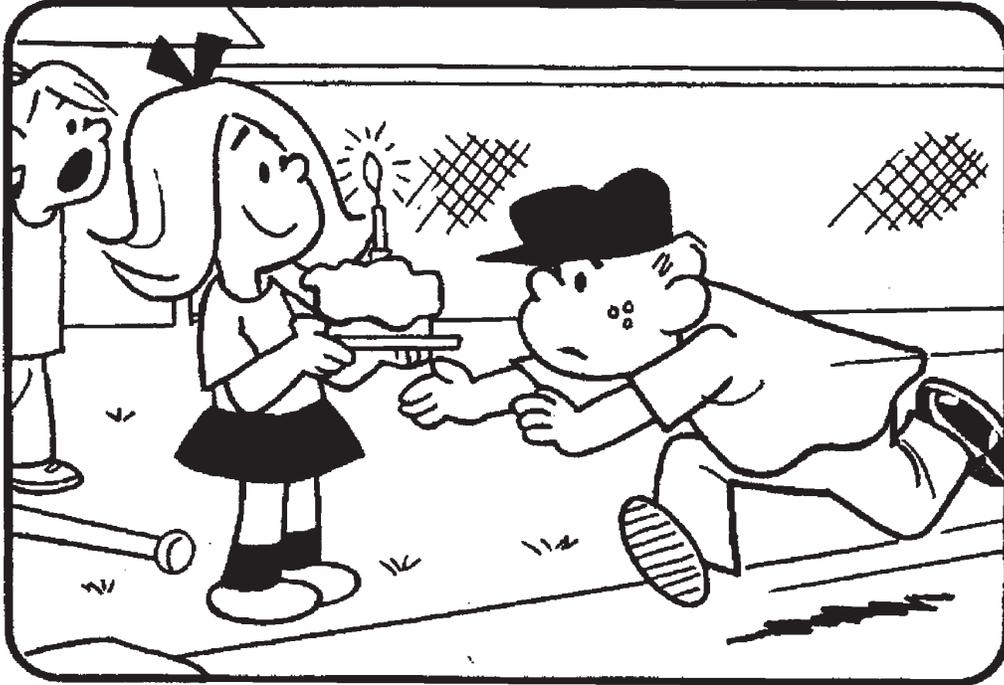
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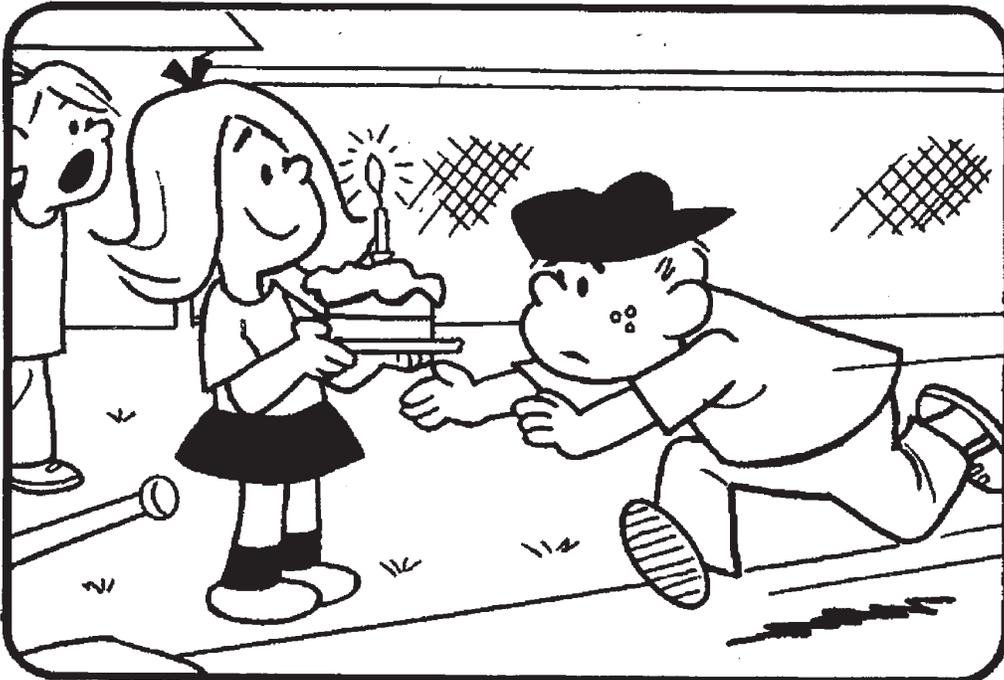
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bow is smaller. 2. Bat is moved. 3. Cake is different. 4. Cap is reversed. 5. Shirt is different. 6. Sneaker is different.

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* Before I pluck my eyebrows, I rub on a bit of my granddaughter's teething gel. She's done teething and doesn't need it anymore, but it works well for me. Be very careful to apply, let dry and wash your hands before touching your eye any further! -- M.L. in California

* When microwaving items of different sizes, arrange the largest parts toward the outside of the plate for more even cooking.

* Lemon juice mixed together with coarse salt makes an inexpensive copper cleaner.

* When going fishing and you are only bringing a couple of lures, use an old, empty pill container. It holds well and you won't be poked. -- D.B. in Min-

nesota

* When figuring up the cost of moving yourself or using a service, be sure to consider the cost of your time and your health. And be certain that you are able to drive the moving van if you rent a large truck.

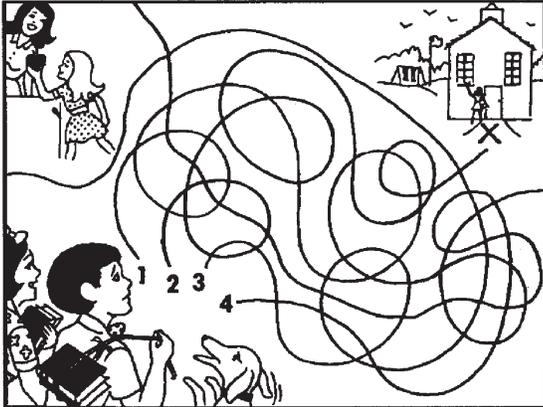
* If you don't keep a lot of foods in your freezer, you can fill large gallon-size zipper-top bags with ice cubes. You will always have plenty of ice on hand, and your freezer will not have to work as hard to keep the items in it frozen.

Send your tips to Now Here's a Tip, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.

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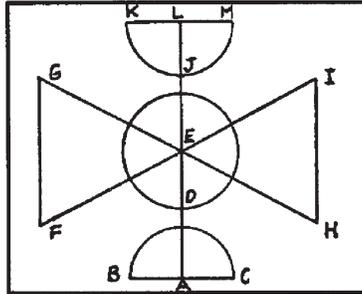
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IN OR OUT! School's in, but which path leads to the door? Choose line 1, 2, 3 or 4, and see if you have picked the right one.

Junior Whirl

by Hal Kaufman



HOLD THAT LINE DRAWING TEST

IT IS possible to draw the configuration, left, in a continuous single line. That is to say, without lifting pencil from paper.

To start, place pencil at point A, draw to B, around to C...and take it from there.

Lines may cross but may not be retraced.

Remember, object is to draw the figure in a single continuous line.

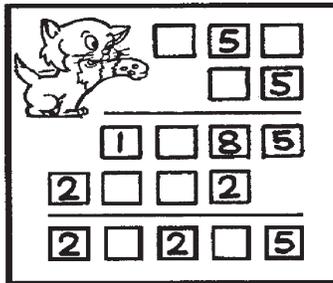
Draw A to B, to C, back to A, to D, around circle back to E, F, G, H, I, E, J, K, L, M, back to J, to L.

REACT-O! Quick: Rearrange letters of REACT to form four more five-letter words.
Crat, cater, caret, trace.

SUM PURR-PUSS! Blame it on the cat. Eight of the 18 numbers of this multiplication problem are missing, purloined perhaps by our frisky kitten friend. In any case, you are invited to restore what's missing.

Hint: Five times something results in a five, and five times five requires a certain sum to produce eight.

How quickly can you fill the blanks?
Time limit: Two minutes.



SAY WHAT! Some expressions involving edibles are as right as rain. Hot potato, for instance. Or cool as a cucumber. And how about pea soup fog? Lentil soup fog, chicken soup fog or minestrone fog just don't cut it. Don't you agree?

Six five times three three five seven equals two three two zero five.

TIGER

by BUD BLAKE



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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Milan's La —
- 6 Mops the deck
- 11 First game of the season
- 12 Fortune-telling decks
- 14 Gift giver's words
- 15 Not level
- 16 Italian "three"
- 17 Trombone part
- 19 Coach
- Parseghian
- 20 Coup d'—
- 22 Summer on the Seine
- 23 Not kosher
- 24 Hose material
- 26 1955 Platters hit
- 28 — -di-dah
- 30 Pinnacle
- 31 "Pretty please?"
- 35 From the area
- 39 Writer Kingsley
- 40 Highland hat
- 42 "Elephant Boy" actor
- 43 UV ray-blocking stat
- 44 James — Garfield
- 46 Stanley Cup org.

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- 47 Spill the beans
- 49 "Psst!"
- 51 Dodged
- 52 Knight suits
- 53 Basilica areas
- 54 Inclines
- DOWN**
- 1 Stylish
- 2 Breakfast bowlful
- 3 Whatever amount
- 4 Late July babies
- 5 As — (usually)
- 6 Pupil
- 7 Diminish
- 8 "Right you —!"
- 9 Emma of fiction
- 10 Sound system
- 11 Frequently
- 13 Major mix-up
- 18 "Am — blame?"
- 21 Bridge fees
- 23 Printing errors
- 25 Aye undoer
- 27 Texter's chuckle
- 29 Sites of rapid growth
- 31 Squander
- 32 Chevy model
- 33 Boost
- 34 Eg. and Syr., once
- 36 Big gorge
- 37 Loathes
- 38 Humdingers
- 41 Taj —
- 44 Out of the storm
- 45 Simple
- 48 Pro Bowl stats
- 50 Singer Sumac

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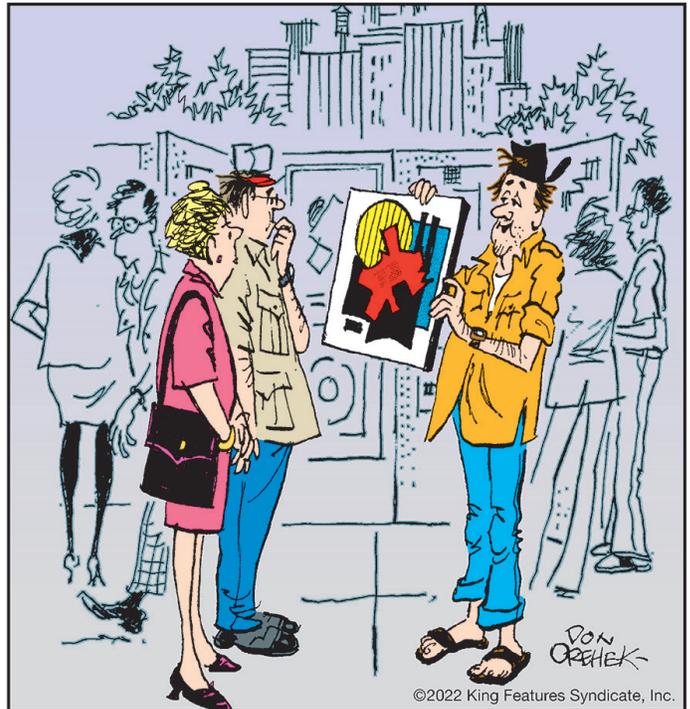
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Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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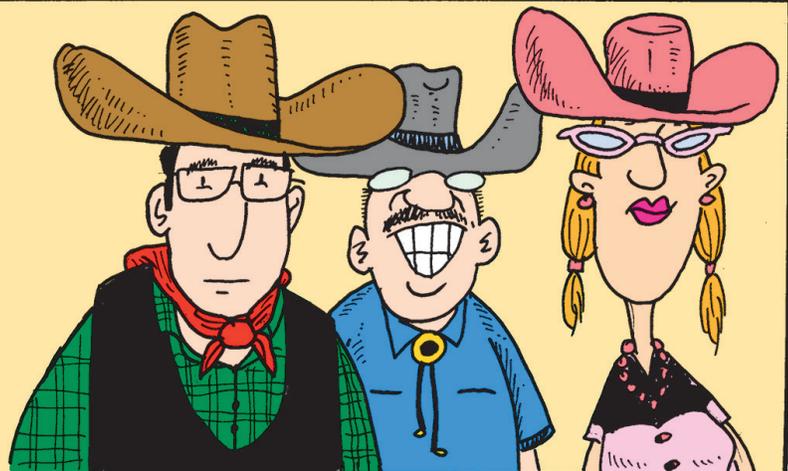
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"Live with it for a week. If you're not satisfied, turn it upside down."

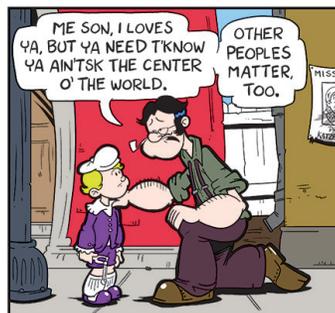
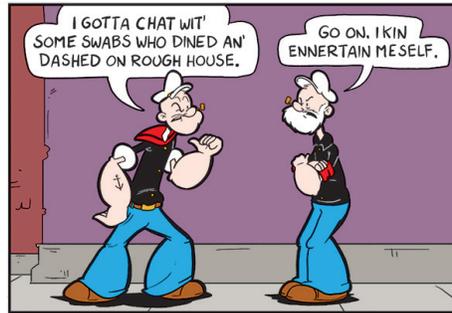
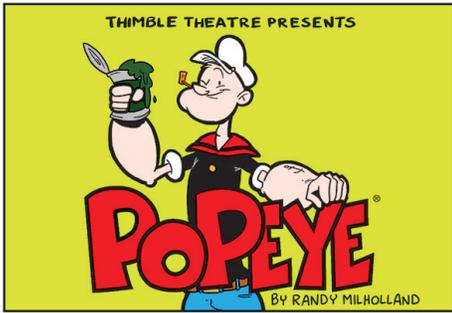
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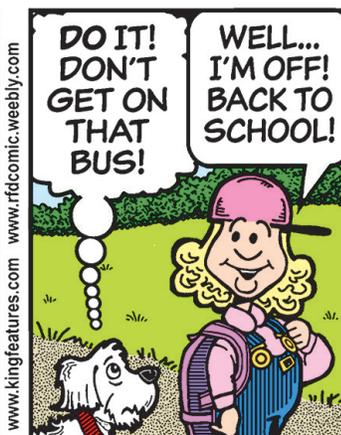
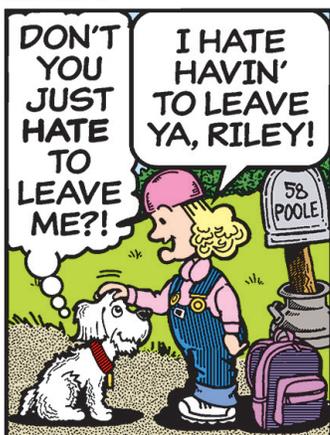


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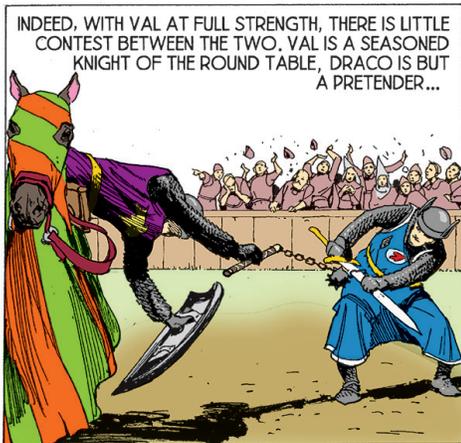
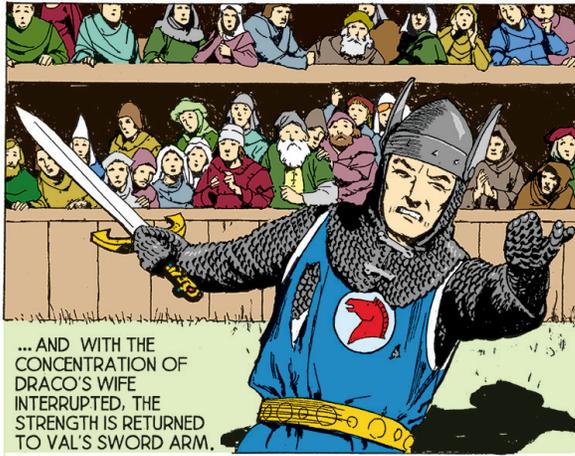
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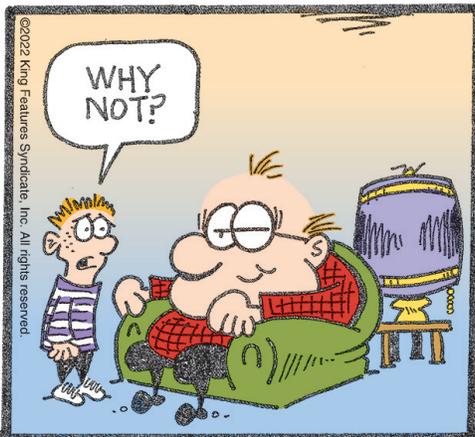


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The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



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PICKERING

SENIOR NEWS LINE

by Matilda Charles

Multiple Drug Prescriptions

While using a different pharmacy to get a much lower drug cost has one definite benefit, there is also a potential problem: A new pharmacist won't know you. If you only take one drug prescription to that new pharmacy, they won't know what other drugs you're taking. And therein can lie a serious outcome.

It's called polypharmacy, and it means that we're taking multiple prescription drugs. Technically, the definition means we're taking at least five medications, but it doesn't take five to potentially create a risk. Even taking four drugs comes with an increased risk of falls, for example.

There are several ways this situation can occur. We might be seeing more than one doctor for a condition and be given a prescription by one doctor and another by a different doctor with instruction to keep taking it until the next visit. We might be on a pharmacy auto-refill program that sends us drugs, which we dutifully take. We might see a doctor with a sub-par medical assistant who blithely renews all our prescriptions without asking. The software at the pharmacy's computer might not be updated or might not even be new enough to pick up drug contraindications and flash an alert on the screen.

We need to take charge!

When you go for a doctor visit, take all your drugs with you in a bag, including any vitamins and over-the-counter drugs you picked up along the way. Line them up on the desk and ask the doctor (not a nurse) to verify that you should be taking all of them.

Remember that when a health care provider treats you, it's part of their job. At the end of the day, they go home. And at the end of the day, you live with the results of what they either do or don't do.

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1. What defensive tackle for the Indianapolis Colts and Baltimore Ravens was a sideline reporter for FOX Sports from 2003-2015?

2. What HBO comedy series included baseball teams named the Myrtle Beach Mermen, the Rockingham Ruckus and Los Charros de Copales?

3. Name the equestrian athlete from Great Britain who won a silver medal at the 2012 London Olympic Games. (Hint: She is the granddaughter of Queen Elizabeth II.)

4. What is the name of the biennial tournament played between women's amateur golf teams representing the United States and Great Britain/Ireland?

5. The right field foul pole at Boston's Fenway Park is named in honor of what player and manager?

6. Providence College basketball star God Shammgod was selected in the second round of the 1997 NBA Draft by what team?

7. What former NFL quarterback was working as a radio broadcaster for the Dallas Cowboys when he was drafted by the World League of American Football's Ohio Glory in 1992?



by Ryan A. Berenz

Answers

1. Tony Siragusa.
2. "Eastbound & Down."
3. Zara Tindall (nee Phillips).
4. The Curtis Cup.
5. "Pesky's Pole" is named after Johnny Pesky.
6. The Washington Wizards.
7. Babe Laufenberg.

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps





Rally Family, Friends to Find Lost Cat

DEAR PAW'S corner: My orange striped cat, Charlie, went outside for the night about two weeks ago. I haven't seen him since. He's been an indoor/outdoor cat since I adopted him at a year old and always goes outside for about two hours after the sun sets, then scratches at the screen door to be let back in. I'm not able to walk far or drive these days. How can I let people know to look for him? -- Janice L., via email

Dear Janice: It's time to rally the troops to hunt for Charlie. Call your family members, friends, acquaintances, church -- everyone you know. Post on

Facebook. Ask for their assistance in looking for Charlie and explain your situation.

A Facebook post will get the word out to friends or family that you're connected to. From there, they should post a photo or description of Charlie to local community groups and lost pet groups on the social media service.

Contact all the local shelters -- you can call or email them -- to see if Charlie is being cared for there. These shelters may have a newsletter that you can subscribe to, and if they have a lost pet section, they might mention it in the newsletter. (Shelters rarely announce lost pets on public social media groups.)

Have friends or family members put up "lost cat" signs around the neighborhood with a photo and description of Charlie and a contact number. See if they can periodically drive the nearby streets to see if Charlie darts past them.

I wish you all the best in finding your cat.

Send your tips, comments or questions to ask@pawscorner.com.

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Strange BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

* Swimmers sweat underwater.

* Shout out to "The Wizard of Oz": Dominic Wilcox designed "No Place Like Home" shoes containing a small GPS unit that can be programmed with a home address. How is it activated? By clicking your heels together three times, of course! A series of LED lights on top of the left shoe will then point you in the direction of home.

* The average person spends 38.5 days brushing their teeth.

* In 1775, a 78-year-old Massachusetts farmer named Samuel Whittamore fired at British soldiers and killed three. Out of ammo, he drew his sword to continue fighting and was shot in the face, bayoneted multiple times, and left for dead. But those pesky Brits had nothing on Whittamore: He was found, was patched up, and lived another 18 years.

* Studies show that about 85% of people breathe out of just one of their nostrils at a time.

* The auto industry used sperm whale oil as an ingredient in automatic transmission fluid until 1973, when Congress passed the Endangered Species Act and banned it.

* More than 40 buildings in New York City, including the General Motors and Empire State buildings, have their own zip code.

* In 2013, a petition requesting that the U.S. government build a Death Star reached 25,000 signatures, the amount required for an official response. That hopeful effort proved to be in vain, however, when the government replied that "the Administration does not support blowing up planets."

* Research found that some neighborhoods containing more dogs had lower levels of crime, likely because of their residents' need to walk or at least let out their canines at all hours.

Thought for the Day: "Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've done before." -- Speed skater Bonnie Blair

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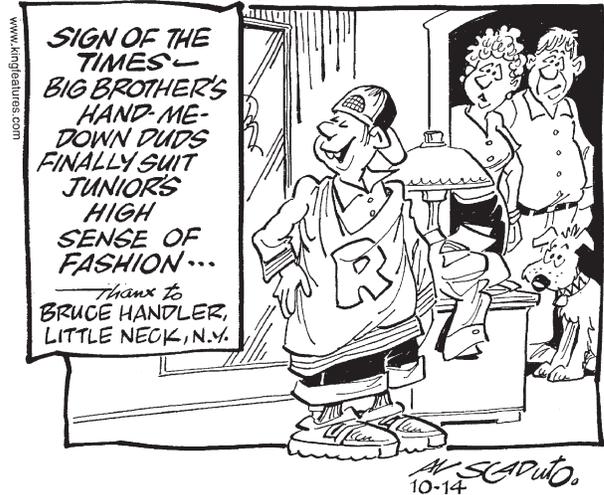
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME



ABSENT-MINDED NICE SAYINGS FOR WRONG OCCASIONS...

Thank to W. FORLANGER, HOUSTON, TEX.

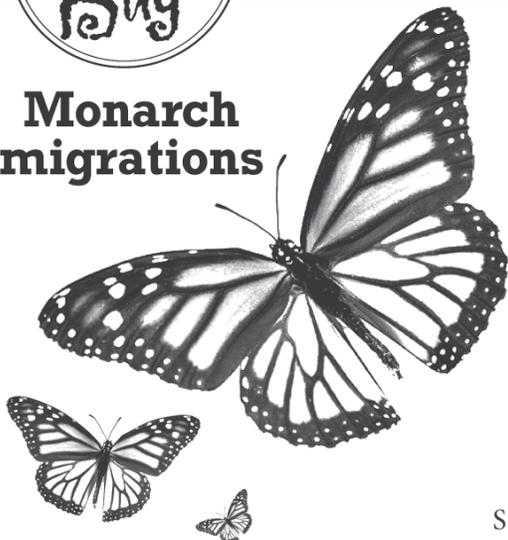
BY AL SCADUTO



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Monarch migrations



Unlike other butterflies that can overwinter as larvae, pupae or even as adults in some species, monarchs cannot survive the cold northern winters.

In autumn they migrate, using a combination of air currents and thermals to travel about 50 to 100 miles a day. Some have been recorded traveling over 200 miles in one day! It can take up to two months to complete their journey to their winter homes in Mexico and California.

- Brenda Weaver

Sources: www.fs.fed.us, www.monarchwatch.org



by Freddy Groves

Finding Employment in the Civilian World

If you're a veteran or are just about to leave the service, one thing that might be on your mind is future employment in the civilian world. What are you going to do for work? How do you fill out an application when you don't know the civilian title equivalent for the jobs you seek or the skills you have? Do you wonder if your skills even have application outside the military world?

Oplign, owned and operated by veterans who've been there, might have the answers you need. Oplign has a high-powered search engine computer that

translates and matches the civilian job with the military veteran. Whether you're a veteran seeking a job or a civilian employer with positions to offer, Oplign can help. For the veterans information, see vetlign.com, or check out the video at vimeo.com/522935777.

RecruitMilitary (RecruitMilitary.com) does things in a different way with an MOS, NEC or AFSC translator. Enter your classification or just your Zip code and see what jobs are available near you. A fast look at jobs in my area showed a wide range of opportunities, from pharmacist to aviation mechanic to paint store supervisor and more. One other helpful section is the list of veteran-centric job fairs, including those that are also for military spouses.

Check the Veteran Jobs board at military.com, also with a classification translator, job listings and a place to upload your resume.

Consider looking for a position with your state government. Chances are that if you are searching for a position that requires licensing or certification, your state will have opportunities that can ease the process of getting those based on your military service and experience.

Check your state's Department of Labor as well; they frequently have "hire a vet" goals to meet and will go out of their way to help you.

If you have a medical/health care military background, it might take no more than a single phone call to your local hospital to find employment.

And remember: If you aim for a government job, you might have Veteran's Preference Points. Those are valuable.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country in the world without an official capital city?
2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which Chinese zodiac animal is celebrated in the year 2022?
3. BUSINESS: When did the auction site eBay launch?
4. HISTORY: How many years has Queen Elizabeth been on the throne?
5. MOVIES: Who played Wolverine in the X-Men movie series?
6. U.S. STATES: Which state's motto is "Mountaineers are always free"?
7. ASTRONOMY: What is the only planet in our solar system that isn't named after a Greek-Roman deity?
8. MYTHOLOGY: Which Egyptian god has the head of a jackal?
9. TELEVISION: How many times has the hospital's name changed in the drama "Grey's Anatomy"?
10. RELIGION: Where was the founder of Buddhism born?

Answers

1. Nauru, an island nation in the Pacific Ocean.
2. The Year of the Tiger.
3. 1995.
4. 70. She just celebrated her Platinum Jubilee.
5. Hugh Jackman.
6. West Virginia.
7. Earth.
8. Anubis, god of death.
9. Three.
10. Buddha was born in what is modern-day Nepal.

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South Dakota Governor

Kristi Noem



South Dakota: *Under God, the People Rule*

Celebrating Hard Work

The beginning of September brings us to Labor Day weekend and the start of Workforce Development Month across the country.

While America celebrates a national holiday, South Dakota has even more to celebrate. Our state has shown the rest of the country what hard work can do for an economy. In South Dakota, we have less than 700 people on unemployment, because we stayed open throughout the COVID-19 pandemic and didn't shut down a single business. When the President offered elevated unemployment benefits, we were the only state that said, "No, thank you." There are often unknowns when making decisions as Governor, but I knew that South Dakotans wanted to work – so it comes as no surprise to me that we are one of the hardest working states in America.

There are over 467,400 employed South Dakotans that contribute to our economic and social growth every single day when they go to work. We also have a much higher rate of people who hold multiple jobs than most of the rest of the country. We don't tax our people's incomes, which can be a discouragement to work. We have the strongest work ethic of any state, and this strengthens our already strong economy by filling important jobs and increasing our average household income.

All of these aspects of our labor force attract businesses, diversify our economy, and continue to make South Dakota the best state in the nation to do business. We were already one of the best states to start a small business because of our low taxes and lack of a state income tax or business income tax. The affordability of living in South Dakota also makes it easier to raise a family and for bold thinkers to kickstart their ideas.

As I traveled the state this week and visited about a dozen businesses, I heard tremendous feedback from our top industry leaders. They are growing and are able to expand here, and businesses continue to choose South Dakota as a location for their new facilities. I know this is in part because of our low tax structure, but also because of our hardworking citizens.

Not laying down mandates, letting businesses choose to stay open, and refusing to accept unneeded federal aid were different ways to approach the pandemic at the time, but it's truly the way our founders envisioned this country would look. Our approach to challenges and our way of life are bringing hope to the rest of the country. We've got people moving to South Dakota in record numbers. We are expected to outpace the nation through 2030. This inbound migration will continue to grow our workforce and attract more businesses to join us.

This Labor Day weekend, I want to celebrate all that South Dakota's workforce has done for our economy. I also want to welcome all of the new and incoming members to our workforce. You are part of the growth of our already thriving economy, and you are moving here because you value the same thing we do: Freedom.

John Thune
U.S. SENATOR - SOUTH DAKOTA



Summer in South Dakota

With summer drawing to a close, it's a good time to reflect on what makes me thankful to be a South Dakotan: its people. It doesn't matter what town you're traveling through, it becomes clear that the people of this state are what give it its backbone. They are hardworking, passionate, God-fearing Americans who are willing to go the extra mile for a friend, neighbor, or family member.

August was a busy month. I spent most of it crisscrossing South Dakota, meeting with South Dakotans and taking in the sights and sounds of everything that our great state has to offer in the summertime. For me, there's nothing more valuable than hearing directly from families and small business owners – to hear what challenges they're facing and what I can do in Washington to help out.

One way I intend to help is by crafting a pro-South Dakota farm bill. I hosted multiple roundtable events across the state where I was able to receive invaluable feedback from farmers and ranchers ahead of the 2023 farm bill. I visited small towns in every corner of the state and hosted events where I was able to hear what's on folks' minds. South Dakotans' concerns are my concerns, so you can be sure I'll take everything I heard with me back to Washington.

As I traveled the state, I shared some of the bipartisan wins I have helped deliver for South Dakotans this year. From getting my Ocean Shipping Reform Act signed into law to restoring the summertime sale of E15 fuel to securing critical funding for Ellsworth Air Force Base, these successes were no easy feat in a Democrat-controlled Washington. While much was accomplished, there is much more work yet to do this Congress.

Whether I was in a bigger city or a smaller town, I heard about everything from record-high inflation to border security to gas prices. I heard about economic issues, particularly the workforce shortages that are plaguing businesses throughout the state. Farmers and ranchers told me about the agriculture industry's seemingly annual struggle with tough weather and market conditions. Part of my job is to try to prevent bad policies from going into place that will make these crises worse, and you can be sure I'll fight hard to do just that.

The other thing I love about August in South Dakota is that it's fair season. The Sioux Empire Fair, the Turner County Fair, Dakotafest, the Brown County Fair, and Yankton Riverboat Days – to name a few – are quintessential stops that ensure you're having a true South Dakota summer. I often joke that in August I'm basically eating my way across the state. From milkshakes at Dakotafest to Tubby burgers at the Brown County Fair, I look forward to these fair-food staples every year.

South Dakota is the best place in the country to live, work, and raise a family. It's my home. It's my kids' and grandkids' home. And it's a beacon of freedom, opportunity, and personal responsibility that continues to draw people from across the United States to come explore during all seasons of the year.

Summer is ending, but fall is right around the corner. That means South Dakota high school and college sports, pheasant hunting, and so much more. As always, spending quality time with South Dakotans has been very informative, especially as I prepare to head back to Washington where a little commonsense and South Dakota straight-talk go a long way.



CONGRESSMAN

DUSTY JOHNSON

Representing **SOUTH DAKOTA** at large



The Decision to Eliminate Debts

Many have heard about the Biden Administration's plan to cancel \$10,000 of student debt per borrower for individuals who make up to \$125,000 annually or households making \$250,000 or less annually. I understand the public concern about higher education affordability and the desire to help struggling Americans. Unfortunately, President Biden's loan forgiveness plan doesn't meaningfully address either of those issues. In fact, it will likely make them worse.

Higher education inflation over the past two decades shows us that loan forgiveness will likely make college even less affordable in the future. Colleges understand they can raise tuition even higher and still find plenty of individuals and families willing to borrow more money to finance the education. Student loan forgiveness will only make that problem worse.

Additionally, this plan does not only target the most needy Americans—just look at the Administration's plan—a family making \$250,000 a year still qualifies for this giveaway. More than 70% of the benefit goes to the richest 60% of Americans.

Jerry, a South Dakotan, told me recently that his daughter Emily worked hard throughout college to pay off her student loans. She worked nights and weekends during school and picked up extra hours after graduation and even picked up a second part-time job. She and her family shortened or skipped family vacations, limited or postponed purchasing decisions for their home and family, and passed on fun entertainment or sporting events. The Biden Administration's plan to cancel \$10,000 of debt for people who have not acted similarly to pay off their debts is a slap in the face to folks like Emily. She took full responsibility for her loans and paid them off quickly – through hard work.

Most Americans do not have a college degree. Forcing those who passed on college to foot the bill for a payout to individuals who statistically have a higher earning potential with their degree is irresponsible and an unfair use of taxpayer dollars.

I am co-leading two bills that would prohibit massive student loan forgiveness by the federal government:

The Stop Reckless Student Loan Actions Act would end the suspension of repayments on qualifying federal student loans, following two years of non-payment and seven executive actions extending the payment pause. My bill would prohibit the president from canceling outstanding federal student loan obligations due to a national emergency.

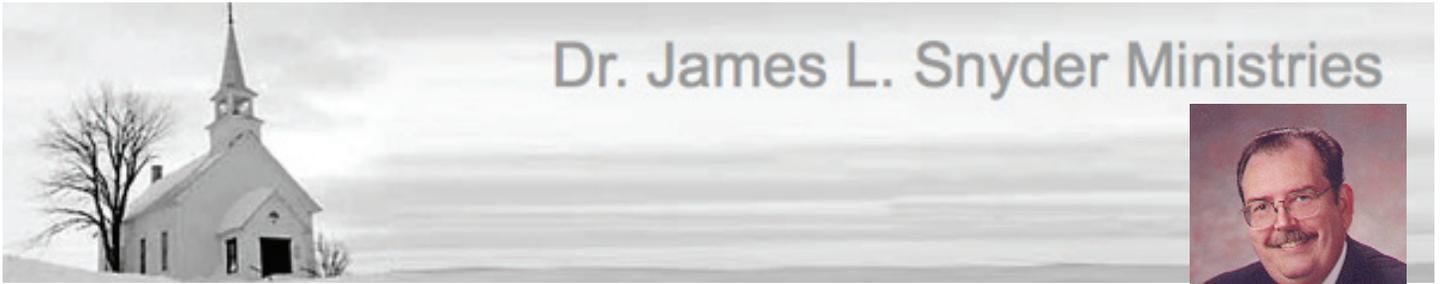
The Can't Cancel Your Own Debt Act would prevent Congress from implementing bills that let U.S. Senators and Representatives off the hook for personal debts.

If our government sets a precedent to forgive the debts of private citizens that they chose to incur, individuals will be incentivized to take on more debt. College may become more expensive, or the government may continue bailing individuals out—creating a bigger burden on American taxpayers, including the 60 percent who do not have a bachelor's degree. The government needs to stop printing money. Increased spending in the current high-inflationary economy has real, negative impacts on American taxpayers that are struggling to make ends meet.

When you borrow money, the expectation is—and should be—that you pay it back. Even if it requires hard work.

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It's Hard Being a Fool When There's So Much Competition

Ever since I was a young lad, I have had a competitive spirit. Quite frankly, I like to win at everything I do. After all, who doesn't.

Being married has accelerated that competitive spirit, sometimes to my personal detriment. Overall, it has been a rather good run and the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and I just celebrated another wedding anniversary. I know who won in this competition, but don't let her know. I am a gracious winner.

I certainly was not a fool to get married; it turned out to be a rather major win for me. What was on the other side of the matrimonial aisle, I am not quite sure. I have a "don't ask and she won't tell" philosophy here.

The fact that we have made it this long is a tribute to my wisdom in selecting the proper wife. Do not let this get out, but I will take credit wherever I can find credit. Just look at my bank account and you will know I need some credit. It has been a marvelous journey to say the least, not, however, without its difficulties.

Every time I get into some kind of "difficulty," my wife will look at me and say rather stiffly, "Are you acting like a fool?"

After being married for so long, you would think she would get the idea that I am not acting at all. I wish I could act like a fool, to be able to turn it on and off at will. I must say that being a fool comes rather naturally to me, no acting needed whatsoever. I wonder what it would be like to act like a fool and where would a person get the training for that kind of acting? Perhaps some political university.

For years, I have met so many people who have a PhD in the thespian arts of being a fool. I am not sure where they get their degree or how long it takes to get that kind of a degree. But let it be clear, I do not have any degree in the art of being a fool.

Not being a "Professional Fool" I am not in competition with anybody else.

But that does not keep the good wife from saying to me on occasion, "Would you quit fooling around?"

I am not exactly sure what I am supposed to do at that point, I do not want to ask her what she means because I know she would tell me. Do I really want to know? There is something to be said for being in the dark about some things. This is definitely one of them.

Of course, if I knew what she meant by "fooling around," I could make some adjustments in my personal behavior. As it stands, I am only guessing.

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I get into trouble because many times when I am caught red-handed, as they say, I justify what I am doing (big mistake) by telling her, "I was just fooling."

To which she usually responds, "I know that and I wish you would quit fooling around."

Then she says something that is rather confusing to me. "You can't fool me."

I have often wondered what she means by that. This is where the competitive spirit kicks into high gear. I ponder very enthusiastically the thought, what would it take to fool her? If I can only figure that out, life would take on a brand-new exuberance.

It is easy to fool other people, particularly those that do not know you that well. I might as well say it is also easy to be fooled by other people. That does not matter to me one bit. But if I could pull off a major "fool you" on my wife it would make my day.

I am not sure that it would take much. As I look around, I realize it is hard being a fool was so much competition.

If I could find the perfect fool, perhaps I could get some pointers on how to be a better fool. Maybe I could learn some special techniques associated with the craft of acting a fool.

I know my wife is an expert in identifying fools and foolish things for that matter. Every once in a while, I try to find out what her secret is, but, being the fool I am, I never seem to be good enough to fool her.

Just when I think I have accomplished a trophy level of being a fool, my wife steps in and says, "You're not fooling me in the least." Then she flashes one of her smiles and goes back to the arduous task of being my wife, which she has done so brilliantly.

I suppose I am a low-level fool in just about every level of my life. There is one level, however, where I am not a fool. I confess to making foolish statements, doing foolish things and just plain acting a fool. But I have discovered an area where I am no longer a fool.

I think David had it right when he said, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good" (Psalms 53:1).

Some people deny God until they need help. Then, they call out to God. The wise man does not deny God, but pulls Him into his daily living experience.

EARTHTALK ™

Dear EarthTalk: Is it true that you shouldn't put plastic bottle caps that are less than three inches wide in diameter into the recycling bin?

-- Bill S., Grafton, VT

Yes! It is true that you shouldn't recycle plastic bottle caps that are less than three inches in diameter; in fact, you shouldn't recycle anything that is less than three inches in diameter.

Why is this? During the recycling process, plastics are sorted, baled, washed, ground down, separated from contaminants, melted, filtered and made into pellets. This is a long, complicated process, and the smallest plastics are often easily lost. The end result is an overaccumulation of plastic bottle lids and other small plastic items that were disposed of improperly and unfortunately have nowhere to go.

This overaccumulation is very problematic for animal life; marine life in particular. Hawaii, for example, is detrimentally affected by the global plastics issue. Because of its location in the Pacific, much of the world's plastic waste ends up on Hawaii's beaches, making the 50th state an unfortunate but necessary target of scientific inquiry. According to the Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii (BEACH), plastic caps are among the top 10 items found during beach clean-ups. In another study completed by BEACH, it was found that 100 per cent of albatross chicks that call the northwestern Hawaiian Islands home had eaten plastic derived from a number of sources, plastic bottle caps being one of them.

Unfortunately, most plastic bottle caps, regardless of their size, are not easily recycled and may require a specialized facility. According to Earth 911, plastic bottle caps are made from a different kind of plastic called polypropylene (plastic #5) which has a higher melting point (a difference of 160 degrees Fahrenheit!). Because of this, when the plastic recyclables are melted down, the bottle caps stay intact. This can render an entire batch of recyclables useless, which means it becomes unusable waste again.

Thankfully, specialized recycling facilities circumnavigate this issue by grinding the plastic caps into flakes. These flakes are then melted into pellets, which are formed into new items such as reusable plastic bags or car battery casings.

However, finding these specialized facilities may be a bit tricky, depending on where you live. Most curbside collectors offer a cap-on standard, whereby you as the recycler may recycle plastic caps if they are twisted onto a bottle. However, some do not as they may consider a sealed bottle a safety hazard (due to compression/explosion) while others may simply want to avoid liquids. In some select cases, they may refuse to recycle bottle caps simply because the financial return rate is too low. Whatever the case, it is advised that you determine exactly what options your recycling program offers, as the options do vary.

If you're having difficulty finding a convenient way to recycle your plastic bottle caps, your best option would be to either save them up and then throw them out at an acceptable facility, or to reuse them. Many plastic caps are actually universal and can be used on all sorts of different plastic bottles. Other more determined recyclers have even gone as far as to make arts and crafts from bottle caps!



Even recyclable plastic caps less than three inches wide should go in the trash as they are too small for recycling processors to deal with. Credit: Krizjohn Rosales, Pexels

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South Dakota COVID-19 Report

New Confirmed and Probable Cases

1292

Active Cases

717
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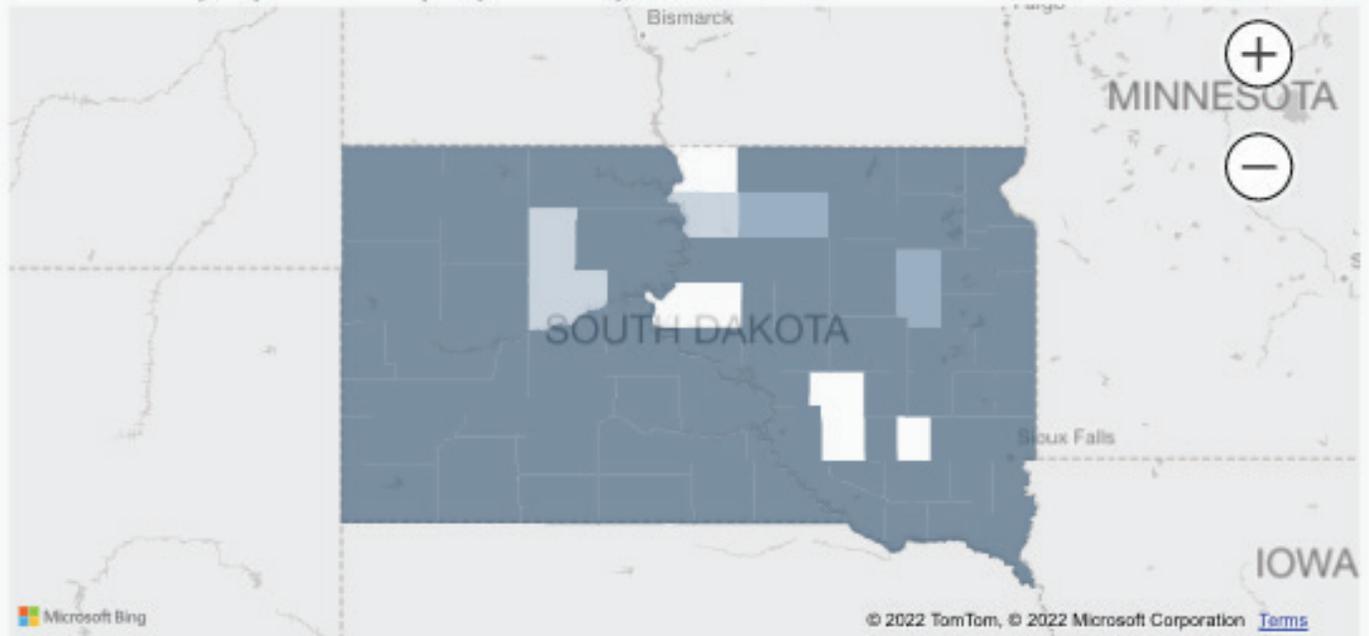
Recovered Cases

253,837

Currently Hospitalized

105

Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Community Spread Low Moderate Substantial High

Hover over a county to see its details, or click county to update the orange boxes.

More information on U.S COVID-19 Community levels can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

Total Confirmed and Probable Cases

257,547

Total Tests

2,302,889

Deaths Among Cases

2,993

Ever Hospitalized

11,606

Percent of State Population with at least 1 Dose**

75%

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Brown County COVID-19 Report

New Confirmed and Probable Cases

54

Active Cases

33
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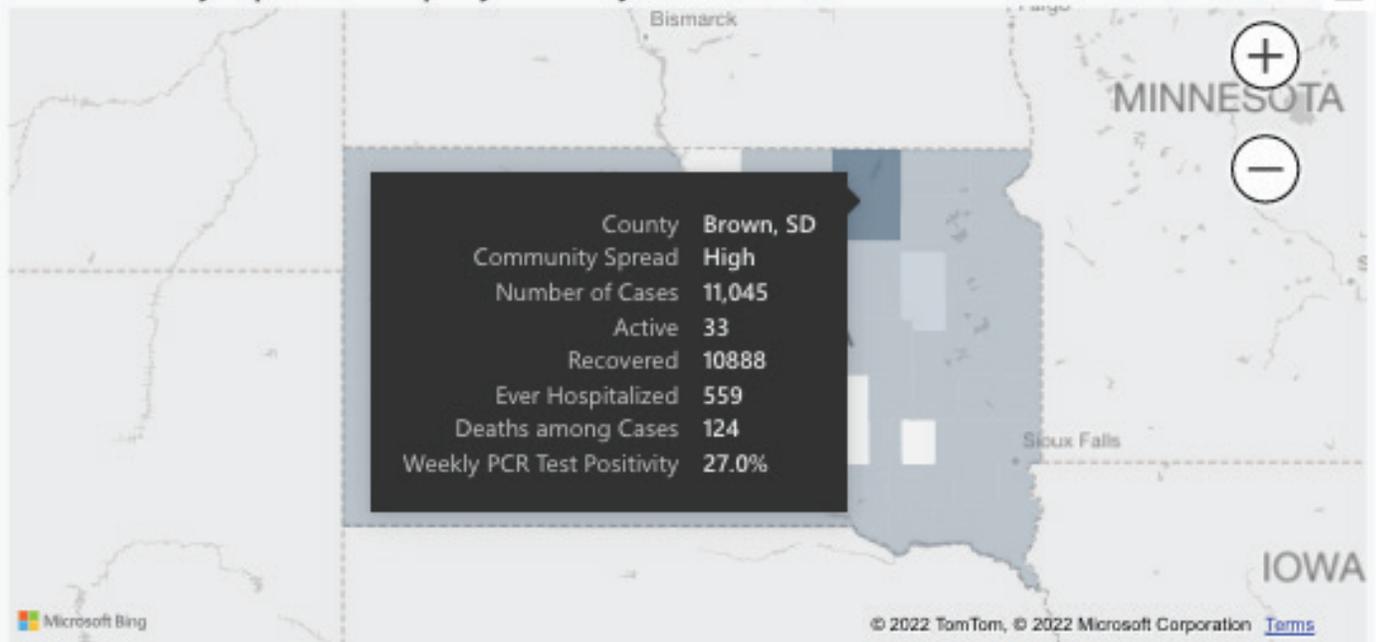
Recovered Cases

10,888

Currently Hospitalized

105

Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Community Spread Low Moderate Substantial High

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Total Confirmed and Probable Cases

11,045

Total Tests

109,530

Deaths Among Cases

124

Ever Hospitalized

559

Percent of State Population with at least 1 Dose**

75%

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Day County COVID-19 Report

New Confirmed and Probable Cases

4

Active Cases

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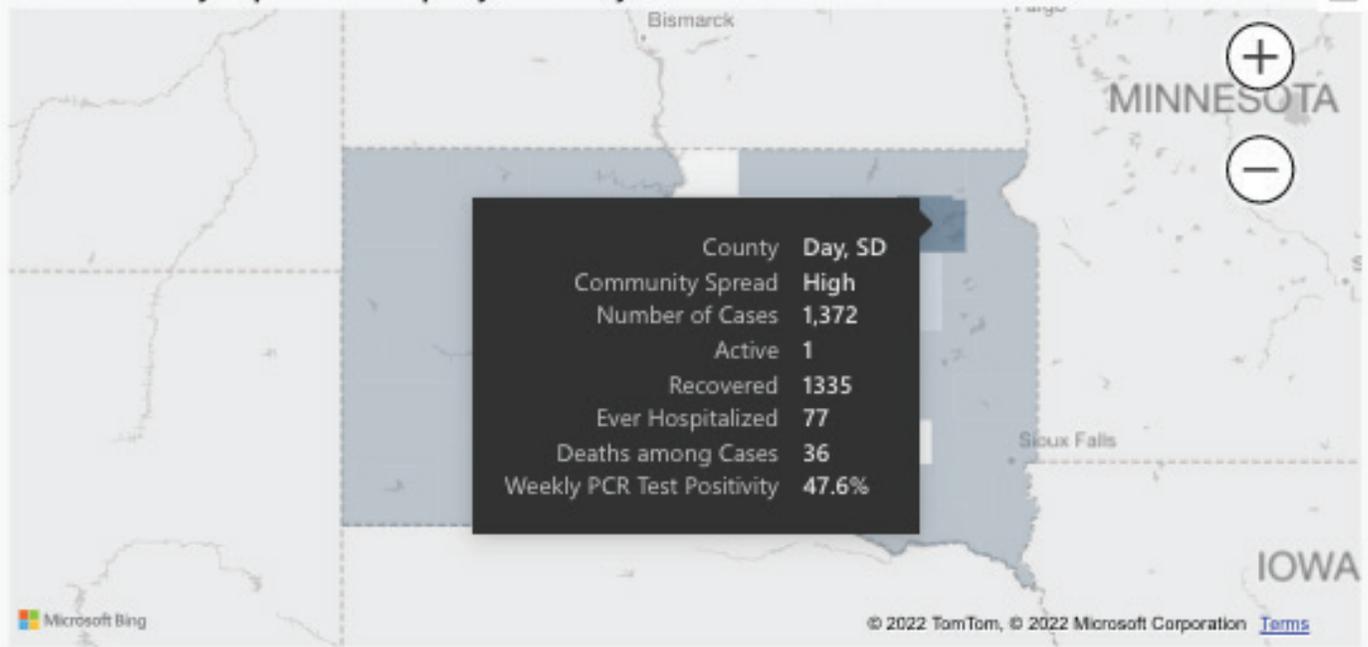
Recovered Cases

1,335

Currently Hospitalized

105

Community Spread Map by County of Residence



Community Spread Low Moderate Substantial High

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Total Confirmed and Probable Cases

1,372

Total Tests

17,514

Deaths Among Cases

36

Ever Hospitalized

77

Percent of State Population with at least 1 Dose**

75%

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Ever Hospitalized

11,606

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Currently Hospitalized

105

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VARIANT CASES OF COVID-19 IN SOUTH DAKOTA

COVID-19 Variant	# of Cases	# of Cases - Last 3 Months
Delta (B.1.617.2 & AY lineages)	1,720	151
Omicron (B.1.1.529 & BA lineages)	1,409	244
Alpha (B.1.1.7)	176	3
Omicron (BA.2)	143	131
Gamma (P.1)	4	1
Beta (B.1.351)	2	2

SEX OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Sex	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths Among Cases
Male	120,583	6,052	1,632
Female	136,964	5,554	1,361

AGE GROUP OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Age Range with Years	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths Among Cases
0-9 years	17,542	171	3
10-19 years	30,060	187	2
20-29 years	44,539	622	14
30-39 years	43,001	857	54
40-49 years	35,538	988	89
50-59 years	32,863	1,539	228
60-69 years	27,980	2,333	484
70-79 years	15,533	2,477	701
80+ years	10,491	2,432	1,418

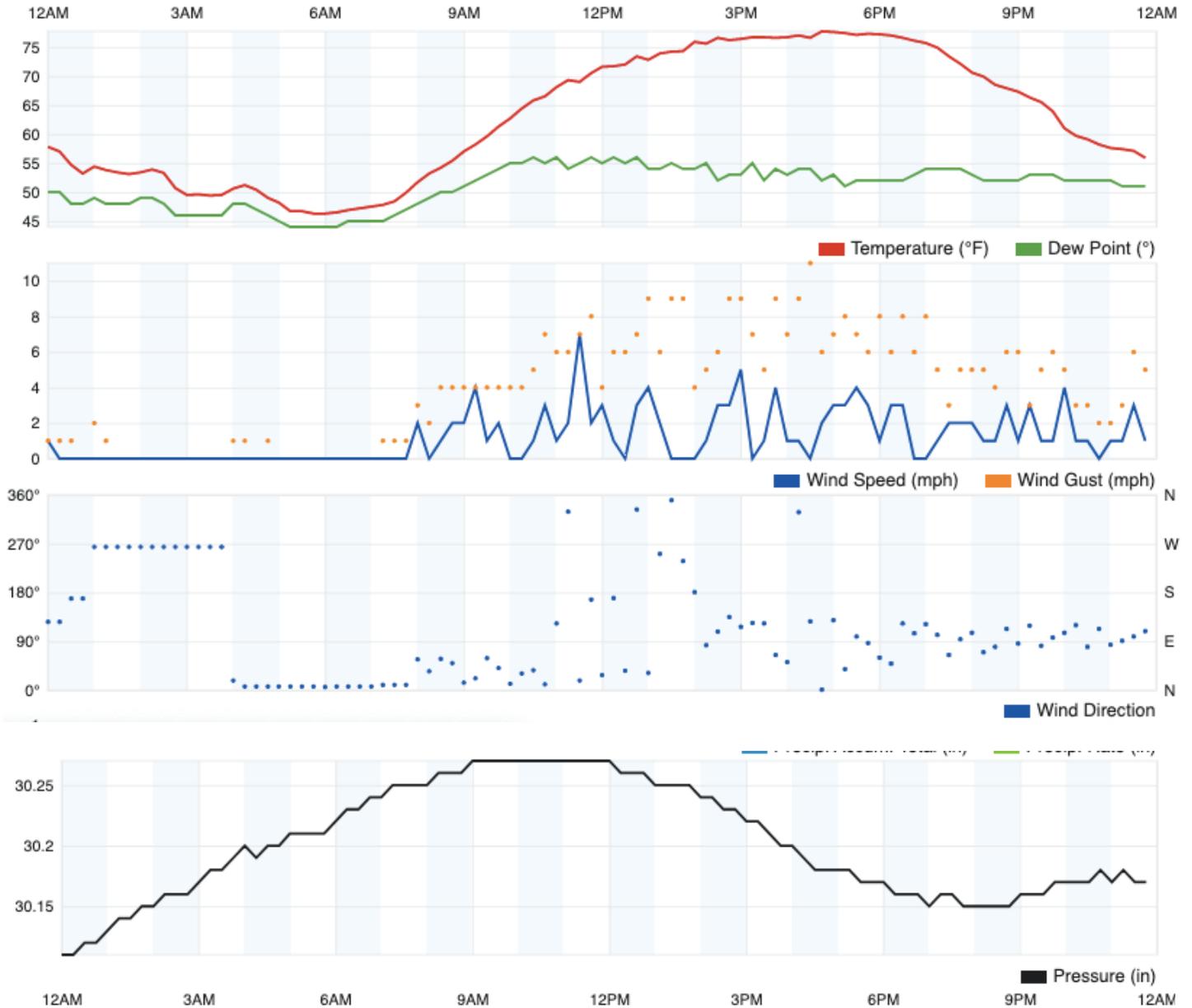
RACE/ETHNICITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA COVID-19 CASES

Race/Ethnicity	# of Cases	# of Hospitalizations	# of Deaths
Asian / Pacific Islander	3,570	113	20
Black	6,260	217	22
Hispanic	10,995	363	39
Native American	32,892	1,983	450
Other	2,229	62	13
Unknown	5,519	81	23
White	196,082	8,787	2,426

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Yesterday's Groton Weather Graphs



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Today



Sunny

High: 80 °F

Tonight



Clear

Low: 57 °F

Labor Day



Sunny

High: 86 °F

Monday Night



Clear

Low: 60 °F

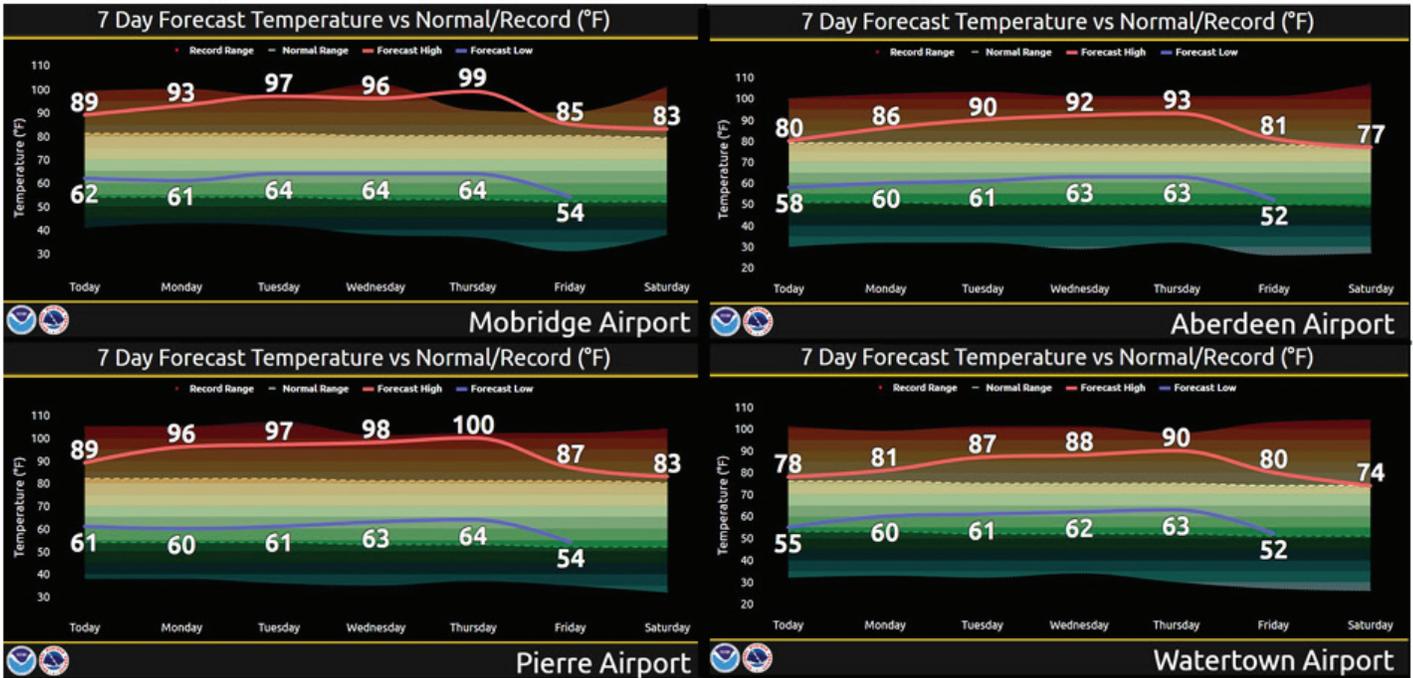
Tuesday



Hot

High: 90 °F

Temperatures Heating Up This Week!



Updated: 9/4/2022 4:47 AM CST

Rain chances this week are few and far between. It's not until the very end of the week that we find some slight chances for showers and thunderstorms showing up. The big story is how warm it's going to get during this first full week of September. Some locations across central and north central South Dakota could be flirting with record high temperatures. Overall, it's looking like daytime high temperatures will be, at least, 10 to 15 degrees above climatology normal for this time of year. Across portions of central and north central South Dakota, where the air is forecast to be the hottest and driest, the grassland fire danger will be the highest, particularly on the breezy to windy days this week.

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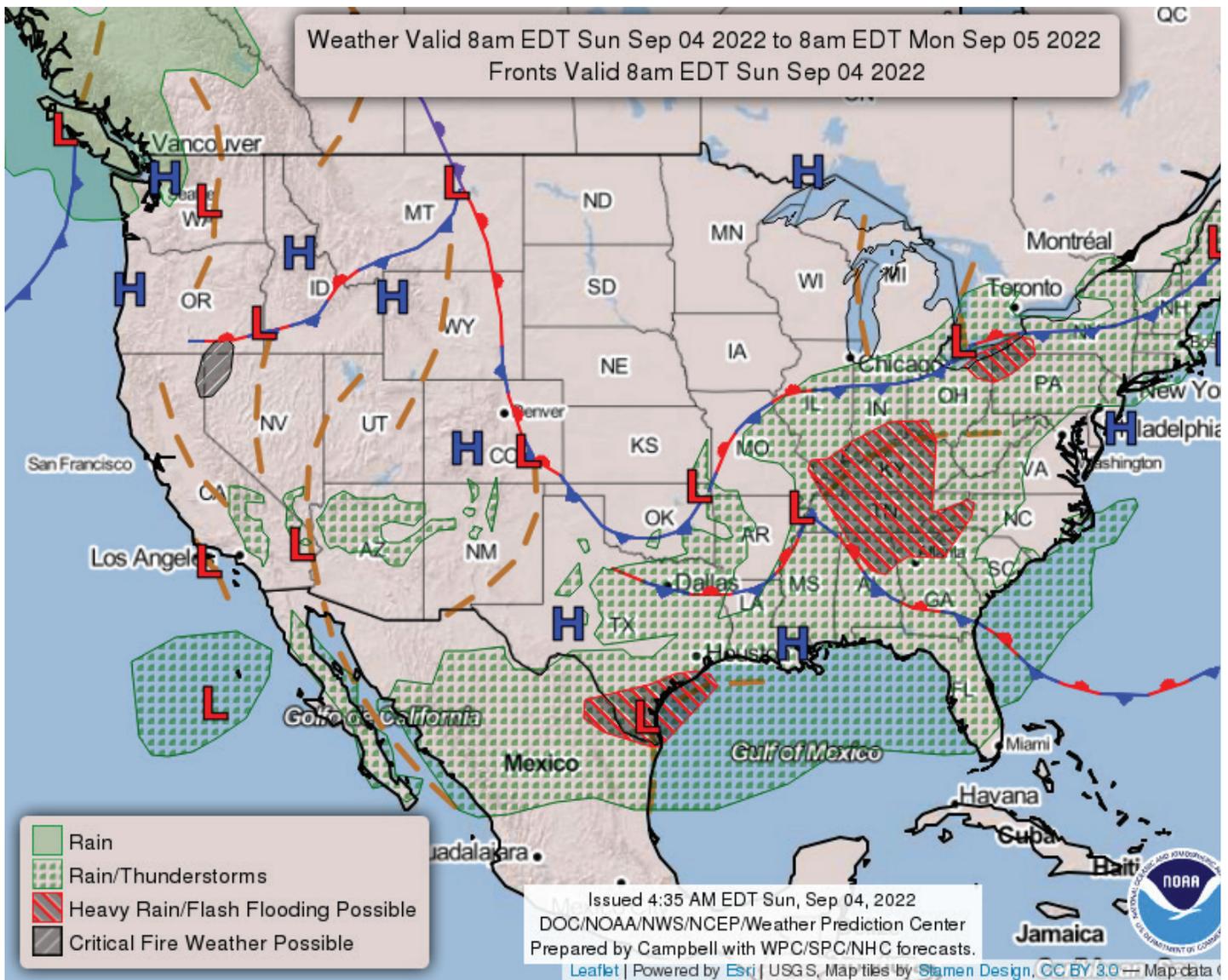
Yesterday's Groton Weather

High Temp: 78 °F at 4:55 PM
Low Temp: 46 °F at 6:01 AM
Wind: 11 mph at 4:28 PM
Precip: : 0.00

Day length: 13 hours, 09 minutes

Today's Info

Record High: 100 in 1931
Record Low: 30 in 1961
Average High: 79°F
Average Low: 51°F
Average Precip in Sept.: 0.27
Precip to date in Sept.: 0.00
Average Precip to date: 16.61
Precip Year to Date: 15.96
Sunset Tonight: 8:06:16 PM
Sunrise Tomorrow: 6:57:37 AM



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Today in Weather History

September 4, 2001: Near record or record heat hit central and north-central South Dakota on this day in 2001. High temperatures during the afternoon were in the upper 90s to around 105 degrees. Pierre and Kennebec set record highs of 105 and 106, respectively. Mobridge rose to a high of 96, and Timber Lake topped out at 98 degrees on this day in 2001.

1766: A hurricane made landfall at modern-day Galveston, Texas. The following is from David Roth of the Weather Prediction Center. "A mission, named San Augustine de Ahumado was located in what is now-days known as Chambers County. This mission was destroyed and subsequently abandoned. A seven-foot storm surge put the area under water. A richly-laden treasure fleet of 5 galleons en route from Vera Cruz to Havana was driven ashore and had to wait many weeks for assistance to come. La Caraqueña wrecked on Galveston Island while El Nuevo de Constante sank along the western Louisiana coast. Fortunately, much of the treasure and people aboard were saved."

1939 - A thunderstorm deluged Washington D.C. with 4.4 inches of rain in two hours. September of that year was very dry across much of the nation, and Washington D.C. received more rain in that two hour period than most other places in the country that entire month. (David Ludlum)

1941: A violent tornado ripped through Northeast and North Minneapolis shortly afternoon on this day. The hardest-hit location was the Soo Line Railroad's Shoreham Yards where four people died, and at least 50 were injured. The death toll at Soo Line could have been higher, but the tornado struck five minutes after the lunch bell went off, meaning 100 men left the shops.

1970 - The greatest natural disaster of record for Arizona occurred. Unprecedented rains caused rivers in central Arizona to rise five to ten feet per hour, sweeping cars and buildings as far as 30 to 40 miles downstream. Flooding claimed the lives of 23 persons, mainly campers, and caused millions of dollars damage. Water crested 36 feet above normal near Sunflower AZ. Workman's Creek was deluged with 11.40 inches of rain in 24 hours to establish a state record. Moisture from Pacific Tropical Storm Norma led to the severe flooding. (4th-6th) (The Weather Channel)

1986 - An unusually strong dust devil moved across the Flagstaff Pulliam Airport. The dust devil blew open the doors of the National Weather Service office scattering papers and bringing down a ceiling-mounted light fixture. (Storm Data)

1987 - Thunderstorms developing along a stationary front produced heavy rain across the Southern Atlantic Coast States. Up to eight inches was reported north of Charleston SC. Serious flooding was reported in Monks Corner SC. Seven cities in the northeastern U.S. reported record low temperatures for the date. Houlton ME dipped to 32 degrees. (The National Weather Summary) (Storm Data)

2000: Houston and College Station, Texas recorded their hottest day on record when highs reached 109° and 112° respectively. Houston has tied their record on August 27th, 2011. Other daily record highs included: Wichita Falls, TX: 111°, Waco, TX: 111°, Dallas, (DFW), TX: 111°, Austin, (Bergstrom), TX: 110°, Austin (Camp Mabry), TX: 110°, Dallas, TX: 110°, Victoria, TX: 110°, San Antonio, TX: 109°, Shreveport, LA: 108°, Corpus Christi, TX: 107 °F.

2007: Hurricane Felix came ashore in the pre-dawn hours as a Category 5 storm on the northeastern coast of Nicaragua. At the time of its landfall, the maximum sustained surface winds were approximately 160 mph. Felix killed at least 130 people along the coast, with damage in Nicaragua totaling \$46.7 million.

2011: The center of Tropical Storm Lee moved ashore around sunrise. However, it would be a while before Lee would weaken to a depression as it remained nearly stationary while the southern half of the circulation was over water where it could continue to derive additional energy from the warm ocean. Lee brought torrential rains to Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

2016: An EF1 tornado developed in the open country area north of Merna, Wyoming. The tornado caused tree damage along its 2.45-mile path. At its widest, the tornado produced sporadic tree damage approximately 300 yards across. The trees fell on some fence line but otherwise caused no property damage.

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Rediscovered

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 34:29–31 (NIV)

29 Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the Levites—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord. 31 The king stood by his pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, and to obey the words of the covenant written in this book..

Insight By: Bill Crowder

Upon Solomon's death, his son Rehoboam assumed the throne. But, due to some unwise decisions, he lost the northern tribes, and the kingdom was divided. The Northern Kingdom (Israel) was headquartered in its capital city of Samaria while the Southern Kingdom maintained the capital city of Jerusalem. Of the northern kings, none is described in the Old Testament as one who honored God. Instead, they consistently promoted the worship of false gods. In the Southern Kingdom, there were some good kings sprinkled among the bad kings whose choices mirrored those of their northern cousins. Among the good kings, Josiah was a true spiritual reformer. In part, those reforms were initiated to undo the false worship advanced by his grandfather, Manasseh, described this way in 2 Chronicles 33:9: "But Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites."

Comment By: Lisa M. Samra

In 1970, a car executive visiting Denmark learned that a 1939 Buick Dual Cowl Phaeton was owned by a local resident. Since the car never actually went into production, it was a rare find—a one-of-kind vehicle. Delighted with the discovery, the executive bought the car and spent his time and money to have it restored. Currently, this unique car is featured in a world-renowned collection of classic vehicles.

Hidden treasures can take many forms, and in the book of 2 Chronicles we read about another discovery of a lost treasure. Eighteen years into his reign as king of Judah, Josiah began to repair the temple in Jerusalem. During the process, the priest Hilkiah found the "Book of the Law in the temple" (2 Chronicles 34:15). The Book of the Law, the first five books of the Old Testament, had likely been hidden away decades earlier to keep it safe from invading armies. Over time it had been simply forgotten.

When King Josiah was told about this discovery, he realized the importance of the find. Josiah called all the people together and read the entire Book of the Law so they could commit themselves to keep all that was written in it (vv. 30–31).

Still important for our lives today, we have the amazing blessing of access to all sixty-six books of the Bible, a treasure of infinite worth..

Reflect and Prayer: How did you come to know the Bible as a treasure? How have you grown in your understanding of its great worth?

Heavenly Father, help me to delight in the treasure of the Scriptures today.

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2022-23 Community Events

- 07/21/2022: Pro Am Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course
07/22/2022: Ferney Open Golf Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Start
07/24/2022: Moonlight Swim at the Swimming Pool 9-11pm for 9th grade to age 20
07/27/2022: Golf Fundraiser Lunch at Olive Grove Golf Course 11a-1pm
08/05/2022: Wine on Nine at Olive Grove Golf Course 6pm
08/12/2022: GHS Basketball Golf Tournament
No Date Set: Groton Firemen Summer Splash Day 4-5pm GHS Parking Lot
09/10/2022: Lions Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
09/11/2022: 6th Annual Doggie Day at the Swimming Pool 3-5pm
09/11/2022: Couples Sunflower Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 10 a.m.
09/02-04: Groton Airport Fly-In/Drive-In, Groton Municipal Airport
10/01/2022: Pumpkin Fest at the City Park 10am-3pm
10/07/2022: Lake Region Marching Band Festival 10am
10/31/2022: Downtown Trick or Treat 4-6pm (working day on or closest to Halloween)
10/31/2022: United Methodist Church Trunk or Treat 5:30-7pm
11/12/2022: Legion Post #39 Turkey Party 6:30pm (Saturday closest to Veteran's Day)
11/24/2022 Community Thanksgiving at the Community Center 11:30am-1pm (Thanksgiving)
12/03/2022 Tour of Homes & Holiday Party at Olive Grove Golf Course
12/10/2022: Santa Claus Day at Professional Management Services 9am-12pm
01/29/2023 Groton Robotics Pancake Feed, 10am-1pm, Community Center
01/29/2023 85th Carnival of Silver Skates 2pm & 6:30pm (Last Sunday of January)
04/01/2023 Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt 10am Sharp at the City Park (Saturday a week before Easter)
04/22/2023 Firemen's Spring Social at the Fire Station 7pm-12:30am (Same Saturday as GHS Prom)
04/23/2023 Princess Prom 4:30-8pm (Sunday after GHS Prom)
05/06/2023 Lion's Club Spring Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday in May)
05/29/2023 Legion Post #39 Memorial Day Services (Memorial Day)
07/04/2023 Firecracker Couples Tourney at Olive Grove Golf Course 9am Registration, 10am Start (4th of July)
07/09/2023 Lion's Club Summer Fest/Car Show at the City Park 9am-4pm (Sunday Mid-July)
09/09/2023 Lion's Club Fall Citywide Rummage Sale 8am-3pm (1st Saturday after Labor Day)
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News from the Associated Press

SD Lottery

By The Associated Press undefined

PIERRE, S.D. (AP) _ These South Dakota lotteries were drawn Saturday:

Dakota Cash

04-05-07-13-31

(four, five, seven, thirteen, thirty-one)

Estimated jackpot: \$46,000

Lotto America

06-08-13-26-30, Star Ball: 4, ASB: 3

(six, eight, thirteen, twenty-six, thirty; Star Ball: four; ASB: three)

Estimated jackpot: \$21,440,000

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: 191,000,000

Powerball

18-27-49-65-69, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 2

(eighteen, twenty-seven, forty-nine, sixty-five, sixty-nine; Powerball: nine; Power Play: two)

Estimated jackpot: \$159,000,000

Saturday's Scores

The Associated Press

PREP FOOTBALL

Harrisburg 27, Brandon Valley 14

Lower Brule 51, Flandreau Indian 0

Mitchell 36, Sturgis Brown 22

Mobridge-Pollock 38, Wagner 18

Sioux Falls O'Gorman 62, Sioux Falls Roosevelt 27

Tea Area 35, Aberdeen Central 0

Woonsocket/Wessington Springs/Sanborn Central 38, Lead-Deadwood 0

PREP VOLLEYBALL

Harrisburg def. Tea Area, 25-6, 25-15, 25-11

Hill City def. Red Cloud, 25-11, 25-7, 25-5

Huron def. Mitchell, 25-14, 26-24, 25-23

McLaughlin def. Todd County, 25-15, 25-10, 25-16

Pierre def. Aberdeen Central, 25-18, 25-21, 28-26

Gillette Invitational=

Bronze Bracket=

Douglas, Wyo. def. Rapid City Central, 25-16, 25-10

Gold Bracket=

Casper Kelly Walsh, Wyo. def. Rapid City Christian, 25-9, 25-23

Rapid City Stevens def. Rapid City Christian, 25-12, 25-20

Scottsbluff, Neb. def. Rapid City Stevens, 20-25, 26-24, 25-20

Silver Bracket=

Laramie, Wyo. def. Spearfish, 25-7, 25-18

St. Thomas More def. Spearfish, 29-27, 20-25, 25-19

Wright, Wyo. def. St. Thomas More, 23-25, 25-23, 25-13

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Gregory Invitational=
Championship=
Burke def. Colome, 25-11, 25-20
Fifth Place=
Lower Brule def. St. Francis Indian, 22-25, 25-8, 25-19
Pool 1=
Colome def. Gregory, 25-22, 25-20
Colome def. Lower Brule, 25-15, 22-25, 25-20
Gregory def. Lower Brule, 25-19, 25-11
Pool 2=
Burke def. Edgemont, 25-7, 25-10
Burke def. St. Francis Indian, 25-9, 25-5
Edgemont def. St. Francis Indian, 25-20, 25-6
Third Place=
Gregory def. Edgemont, 25-22, 25-19
Stanley County Triangular=
Stanley County def. Little Wound, 25-8, 25-16, 25-10
White River def. Little Wound, 26-24, 25-20, 25-7
White River def. Stanley County, 21-25, 22-25, 25-23, 25-23, 15-4

Some high school volleyball scores provided by Scorestream.com, <https://scorestream.com/>

Vaughn helps Kansas State run past South Dakota, 34-0

By DAVE SKRETTA AP Sports Writer

MANHATTAN, Kan. (AP) — Chris Klieman thought Kansas State had a nice set of offensive plays ready for the opening series of the season.

The Wildcats only got to call one of them Saturday night.

That's because Malik Knowles took the opening handoff 75 yards for a score, setting the tone for the rest of the game, and Deuce Vaughn proceeded to run for 126 yards and another touchdown in a 34-0 rout of overmatched South Dakota.

"We won the toss, took the football and scored on the first play," Klieman said with a smile. "We had a really nice series of plays that we were going to operate and we ended up scoring on the first play."

Not that the Wildcats ever slowed down.

Nebraska transfer Adrian Martinez, who was just 11 of 15 for 53 yards through the air, added 39 yards rushing and a touchdown for Kansas State. Desmond Purnell returned an early blocked punt for a touchdown, and backup running back DJ Giddens reached the end zone midway through the third quarter to extend the lead to 34-0.

By that point, the Wildcats had built such a comfortable lead that they began resting their starters, and they in turn began thinking ahead to next weekend. Former conference rival Missouri is returning for the first time in more than a decade.

"I know they're a really good program, lots of talent," Klieman said. "I'm excited to have that rivalry game played again."

Carson Camp had 139 yards passing and an interception for the Coyotes, who couldn't overcome an abundance of dropped passes, silly penalties and other miscues against a team that expects to contend for the Big 12 title.

The game certainly looked nothing like their 2018 meeting, when the Coyotes lost a 27-24 heartbreaker.

"You have to learn from a game like this and get better for next week," South Dakota coach Bob Nielson said.

The Wildcats started with a bang Saturday night, but it wasn't their high-profile transfer quarterback or

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star running back that stepped into the spotlight. It was Knowles, the somewhat mercurial wide receiver, who took a simple end-around and, picking up a nice block from Vaughn, raced 75 yards for a touchdown on the game's first play.

Things didn't get any better for South Dakota.

After the Coyotes were held to a second straight three-and-out, Seth Porter got his hand on the ensuing punt and Purnell picked it up, then ran untouched 17 yards to the end zone to give the Wildcats a 14-0 lead.

Vaughn shook free for the first time late in the first quarter, when he split the defense on a 39-yard touchdown run.

Just about the only thing that went wrong for the Wildcats, who also got a second-quarter TD from Martinez, came when Chris Tennant missed an extra point. Otherwise, their offense piled up 269 yards in the first half while their defense held the Coyotes to 99, and made a fourth-and-1 stop on South Dakota's only promising drive.

Kansas State scored again on its first possession of the second half, when Gidden checked into the game and found a 12-yard lane to the end zone, giving the Wildcats a 34-0 lead and effectively putting the game away.

"We played a ton of players that are going to get a great education from film," Klieman said, "because we're going to need them as the season continues on, but overall I'm very pleased."

DEFENDING ADRIAN

Martinez spent most of the night checking down — at least, when he wasn't taking one of his three sacks. But that didn't bother Klieman, who was happy with the way the veteran transfer handled the Wildcats' revamped, up-tempo offense.

"I've seen us operate at a really high level throwing the football throughout fall camp," Klieman said, "and it's something we'll just continue to work on. But I'm not concerned about it. We'll be better and we'll be more efficient."

THE TAKEAWAY

South Dakota has five top-10 teams from the Football Championship Subdivision awaiting down the road. None of them will be as good as the Wildcats, so getting the experience the Coyotes did on Saturday night is bound to help.

Kansas State cruised without showing much offensively, and that bodes well for next week's showdown against the Tigers. Martinez only took a couple shots downfield all game as the Wildcats pounded the ball and dominated the clock.

UP NEXT

South Dakota heads to Montana next Saturday.

Kansas State welcomes the Tigers back to town next Saturday.

Second-half safeties lead Iowa past South Dakota State 7-3

By JOHN BOHNENKAMP Associated Press

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Iowa's defense came up with two second-half safeties, and the Hawkeyes opened the season with a 7-3 win over South Dakota State on Saturday.

Neither team could do much offensively. Iowa finished with 166 yards of offense, while South Dakota State had 120. The two teams combined for more punts (21) than first downs (16).

"Obviously a very unusual scoring line," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "You've got 3 (in the first quarter), 2 (in the third quarter), 2 in the fourth. I've never been around a game like that. But we'll take it today."

Iowa ranked seventh nationally with four defensive touchdowns last season, so the Hawkeyes are used to getting points from that side of the ball. And they needed them on a day when the offense struggled.

"The standard's been set," said linebacker Jack Campbell, who recorded one of the safeties and finished with 12 tackles.

The first safety came after Iowa's Tory Taylor had his punt downed at the South Dakota State 1-yard line in the third quarter. One play later, Campbell grabbed running back Isaiah Davis after he took the handoff

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and brought him down one yard short of getting out of the end zone.

The second safety came in the fourth, when Iowa's Joe Evans sacked quarterback Mark Gronowski in the end zone on a second-and-11 play.

"We're trying to score as much as we can on the defensive side, however we can do it" said Iowa safety Quinn Schulte.

The Hawkeyes kept South Dakota State pinned in its own territory for most of the game. Ten of Taylor's punts were downed inside the Jackrabbits' 20-yard line, including one at the 2 and the one at the 1.

"Tory did a great job," Ferentz said. "I don't think if I've ever seen a punter so involved in a game either."

Taylor averaged 47.9 yards per punt.

"Field position was really tough for us," South Dakota State coach John Stiegelmeier said. "It's tough to go out there and mentally think we've got to go 98 yards against this defense."

Iowa took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter on Aaron Blom's 46-yard field goal. The only points for South Dakota State came on Hunter Dustman's 44-yard field goal with 20 seconds left before halftime.

Iowa quarterback Spencer Petras completed 11 of 25 passes for 109 yards. Leshon Williams had 72 rushing yards.

Gronowski was 10 of 26 passing for 87 yards. Davis had 18 carries for 50 yards.

INJURY REPORT

Iowa was without three offensive starters — wide receivers Keagan Johnson and Nico Ragaini, and running back Gavin Williams. All three missed time in preseason camp because of undisclosed injuries. Starting linebacker Jestin Jacobs left the game in the second quarter with an injury and did not return.

South Dakota State tight end Tucker Kraft, a second-team Associated Press FCS All-American last season, was injured after catching a pass in the first quarter and did not return.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa had one of the worst offenses in the nation last year despite a 10-win season, finishing 99th in scoring offense and 121st in total offense. Petras' struggles led to plenty of boos from the sellout crowd at Kinnick Stadium, and with in-state rival Iowa State coming in next Saturday, there will be plenty of questions for Ferentz to answer. "I've still got a lot of confidence in him," Ferentz said. "I think the noise on the outside is probably a lot louder than it is on the inside."

South Dakota State, which fell to 2-10 all time against FBS teams, struggled to move the ball against Iowa's defense, which was one of the best in the nation last season.

UP NEXT

South Dakota State: Hosts UC Davis next Saturday.

Iowa: Hosts Iowa State next Saturday.

John Paul I, briefly serving, 'smiling' pope, is beatified

By FRANCES D'EMILIO Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope Francis on Sunday beatified one of his predecessors, John Paul I, a briefly serving pontiff who distinguished himself with his humility and cheerfulness, and whose abrupt death in his bedroom in 1978 shocked the world and fueled suspicions for years about his demise.

The ceremony in St. Peter's Square constituted the last formal step in the Vatican before possible sainthood for Albino Luciani, an Italian who died 33 days after being elected pontiff.

"With a smile, Pope John Paul managed to communicate the goodness of the Lord," Francis said in his homily.

"How beautiful is a church with a happy, serene and smiling face, that never closes doors, never hardens hearts, never complains or harbors resentments, isn't angry, does not look dour or suffer nostalgia for the past," the pontiff said.

Francis then encouraged people to pray to the newly beatified churchman to "obtain for us the smile of the soul."

Last year, Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of John Paul I — that of the recov-

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ery of a critically ill 11-year-old girl in 2011 in Buenos Aires, the hometown of the current pope. Now a young woman, Candela Giarda told a Vatican press conference last week via a video message that she had wanted to attend the ceremony but couldn't because she recently broke a foot working out in a gym.

For Luciani to be declared a saint, another miracle, following his beatification, must be attributed to his intercession and certified by the Vatican.

Seated under a canopy outside St. Peter's Basilica, Francis led the ceremony, which was punctuated by booms of thunder, flashes of lightning and pouring rain, prompting cardinals, bishops, the choir and thousands of rank-and-file faithful in the square to open umbrellas.

But by the end of the ceremony, the sun was shining, and Francis, waving while seated in a popemobile, toured the square, waving to the crowd, some of whom shouted, "Long live the pope!"

When elected pontiff on Aug. 26, 1978, Luciani, 65, had been serving as patriarch of Venice, one of the church's more prestigious positions. In that role as well as that previously as a bishop in northeastern Italy, Luciani sounded warnings against corruption, including in banking circles.

In his short-lived papacy, which concluded with the discovery of his body in his bedroom in the Apostolic Palace, John Paul I immediately established a simple, direct way of communicating with the faithful in the addresses he gave, a style change considered revolutionary considering the stuffiness of the environment of church hierarchy.

Those who have campaigned for him to someday be made a saint have stressed his deep spirituality and his tireless emphasis on key Christian virtues — faith, hope and charity.

John Paul "lived without compromise," Francis said, praising him as mild-tempered, humble pastor.

Luciani overcame "the temptation to his own self at the center and to seek one's glory," the pontiff said.

The Vatican said John Paul died of a heart attack, but no autopsy was done. It gave conflicting versions of the circumstances of how his body was discovered. First it said that a priest who served as his secretary found him, but later acknowledged John Paul was found dead by one of the nuns who brought him his customary morning coffee.

With a huge financial scandal developing at the time in Italy involving figures who had links to the Vatican's bank, suspicions quickly took root in the secular media that perhaps Luciani was poisoned because he intended to root out wrongdoing.

Books speculating on the circumstances surrounding his death sold millions of copies.

Pakistani officials: Swelling lake could cause more flooding

By ZARAR KHAN Associated Press

ISLAMABAD (AP) — Officials warned Sunday that more flooding was expected as Lake Manchar in southern Pakistan swelled from unprecedented monsoon rains that began in mid-June and have killed nearly 1,300 people.

Meteorologists predicted more rain in the region in the coming days and authorities urged villagers in the Jamshoro and Dadu districts of Sindh province near the lake to evacuate. The rising waters reached dangerous levels and posed a threat to a protective dyke and embankment, they said. The lake, located west of the Indus River, is the largest natural freshwater lake in Pakistan and one of the largest in Asia.

Fariduddin Mustafa, administrator for the Jamshoro district, said Sunday that officials made a cut into the lake's embankment to allow excess water to escape and ultimately flow into the Indus. Still, the water continues to rise, he said.

Parts of Dadu district have already been flooded, officials said.

"After we assessed water levels reached (a) dangerous level ... and there was fear that the embankment of the lake might be caved in at any time, the administration decided to make a cut on the Bagh-e-Yousuf side to avert any uncontrollable flow of water," he said.

The development comes a day after Pakistan appealed again to the international community for aid to victims of the unprecedented flooding from monsoon rains that have left nearly 1,300 people dead and millions homeless around the country. Planes from multiple countries have been bringing supplies to the

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impoverished country across a humanitarian air bridge.

Multiple officials and experts have blamed the unusual monsoon rains and flooding on climate change, including U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, who last week called on the world to stop "sleepwalking" through the deadly crisis. He will visit Pakistan on Sept. 9 to tour flood-hit areas and meet with officials.

In its latest report, Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority put the death toll since mid-June — when monsoon rains started weeks earlier this year — at 1,290 as more fatalities were reported from flood affected areas of Sindh, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Baluchistan provinces.

The authority said relief and rescue operations continued Sunday with troops and volunteers using helicopters and boats to get people stranded out of flooded areas to relief camps where they were being provided shelter, food and health care.

Scores of relief camps have been set up in government buildings servicing tens of thousands of people while thousands more have taken shelter on roadsides on higher ground.

According to initial government estimates, the devastation has caused \$10 billion in damage but Planning Minister Ahsan Iqbal said Saturday "the scale of devastation is massive and requires an immense humanitarian response for 33 million people."

The renewed request for international aid came as Pakistan has received 30 planes load of relief goods from Turkey, China, UAE, France, Uzbekistan and other countries with more planes expected in the coming days.

Two members of Congress, Sheila Jackson and Tom Suzy, were expected to arrive in Pakistan Sunday to visit the flood-affected areas and meet officials.

China, Japan ground ferries, flights as typhoon approaches

BEIJING (AP) — Cities in eastern China suspended ferry services and classes and flights were canceled in Japan on Sunday as Typhoon Hinnamnor, the strongest global storm this year, blew its way past Taiwan and the Koreas with fierce winds and heavy rains.

Shanghai grounded ferry services and deployed more than 50,000 police officers to aid with rescues and guide traffic away from danger areas. The eastern business hub of Wenzhou ordered all classes suspended on Monday.

Hinnamnor is forecasted to move gradually northward into the East China Sea with maximum sustained winds of 175 kilometers (109 miles) per hour, according to the Hong Kong Observatory.

Evacuations and flight cancellations have been ordered in Japan's southern Okinawa Island. The typhoon is also expected to bring intense rainfall to the Korean Peninsula, bringing the possibility of flooding.

China's National Meteorological Center issued a yellow typhoon warning at 10 a.m. Sunday, and warned of heavy rains in northeastern Zhejiang, Shanghai and self-governing Taiwan.

Ships were told to return to port to take shelter from the wind, and the center also urged people against large gatherings both indoors and outdoors.

In Japan, the typhoon lashed Okinawa and nearby islands with heavy rain and fierce winds, threatening flooding and grounding more than 100 flights connecting the islands and parts of the main southern island of Kyushu.

Footage on Japan's NHK national television showed trees violently shaken by the storm, with fierce rainfall hitting the pavement. A greenhouse for mangoes on Ishigaki Island was knocked down. On the main Okinawa island, two elderly people fell down and were slightly injured, according to media reports.

Officials said the slow-moving typhoon could add to rainfall and risks of flooding in the southern region where dense rain clouds have been stuck.

In Taiwan, over 600 residents in New Taipei, Taoyuan and Hsinchu counties were evacuated to shelters on Saturday amid the heavy rain and strong winds, according to the island's Central News Agency.

The typhoon caused a landslide in Miaoli county and blew over some 100 roadside trees. About 40 flights and more than 100 ferry services across Taiwan were also canceled Saturday.

Emotions raw before Nice Bastille Day attack trial begins

By BARBARA SURK and NICOLAS VAUX-MONTAGNY Associated Press

NICE, France (AP) — It was Bastille Day on the French Riviera.

A lawyer was strolling with her mother, friends and a colleague along the beachfront boulevard in Nice to celebrate France's national day. Four young sisters from Poland had spent a day of sightseeing. Two Russian students were on a summer break. And a Texas family, on vacation with young children, was taking in some of Europe's classic sights. The bright lights of the packed boardwalk glittered along the bay like a string of stars.

Those lights would mark a pathway of murder and destruction that night of July 14, 2016. Shortly after the end of a fireworks display, a 19-tonne (21 U.S.-ton) truck careered through the crowds for 2 kilometers (1¼ miles) like a snow plow, hitting person after person.

The final death toll was 86, including 15 children and adolescents, while 450 others were injured.

Eight people go on trial on Monday in a special French terrorism court accused of helping the attacker, Mohamed Lahouaiej Bouhlel, who left a gruesome trail of crushed and mangled bodies across 15 city blocks. Bouhlel himself was killed by police the same night.

"It was like on a battlefield," said Jean Claude Hubler, a survivor and an eyewitness to the horrific attack that holiday Thursday. He rushed to the boardwalk to help after hearing desperate screams of people, who had been cheering and laughing and dancing on the beach a minute before.

"There were people lying on the ground everywhere, some of them were still alive, screaming," Hubler said. As he waited for the ambulances to arrive, he kneeled down beside a man and a woman as they lay dying on the pavement, in a pool of blood and surrounded by crushed and mangled bodies.

"I was holding her hand on her last breath," Hubler said.

Three suspects have been charged with terrorist conspiracy for alleged links to the attacker. Five others face other criminal charges, including for allegedly providing arms to the assailant. If convicted, they face sentences ranging from 5 years to life in prison. The verdict is expected in December.

Investigators did not find evidence that any of the suspects was directly involved in the murderous rampage on that hot summer night in 2016.

Bouhlel, a 31-year-old Tunisian with French residency, was the lone attacker, and is considered solely responsible for the deaths 86 people, including 33 foreigners from Poland, the United States, Russia, Algeria, Tunisia, Switzerland and elsewhere.

Myriam Bellazouz, the lawyer, lived a few blocks from Nice's boardwalk. She was strolling along it with her mother on the night of the attack and was killed. It took friends and colleagues three days of frantic searching around the traumatized city and pleas on social media to find her remains.

Only two of the four Chrzanowska sisters, on vacation from Poland, returned home alive.

When the truck sped through the crowd, one of the students from Moscow, Viktoria Savachenko, couldn't get out of the way in time and was killed. American Sean Copeland, the father of the family from a town near Austin, Texas, also died in the attack along with his 11-year-old son, Brodie.

Christophe Lyon is the sole survivor of an extended French family that had gathered in Nice for the Bastille Day celebrations. His parents, Gisele and Germain Lyon, his wife, Veronique, her parents Francois and Christiane Locatelli and their grandson Mickael Pellegrini, all died in the attack. Lyon is listed among dozens of witnesses, survivors and victims' family members who will later this month testify in the Paris court to the horrific events of that night.

The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for the carnage. However, French prosecutors said that while Bouhlel had been inspired by the extremist group's propaganda, investigators found no evidence that IS orchestrated the attack.

Eight months before the Nice attack, on Nov. 13, 2015, a 20-member team of battle-hardened Islamic State extremists, spread around Paris to mount coordinated attacks on the Bataclan concert hall, cafes and the national stadium, killing 130 people and injuring hundreds.

After nine months of trial, the lone survivor of the murderous group that had terrorized the French capital,

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Salah Abdeslam, was in June convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole for the deadliest peacetime attack in France's history.

The trial of the eight suspects in the Nice attack will take place in the same Paris courtroom as the proceedings against Abdeslam. French law mandates trials of terrorism are held in the capital.

The proceedings will be broadcast live to the Acropolis Convention Center in Nice for those victims' family members and general public not traveling to Paris. Audio of the trial will also be available online, with a 30-minute delay.

Many survivors and those mourning loved ones brace themselves for reliving the traumatic events during the trial. For others, the proceedings — although far away from the city that is still reeling from the bloodshed and loss — are an opportunity to recount publicly their personal horrors inflicted that night and to listen to countless acts of bravery, humanity and compassion among strangers.

With the perpetrator dead, few expect to get justice.

Audrey Borla, who lost her twin sister, Laura, will travel to Paris to face the group of eight suspects. She wants to tell them how she's survived the past six years without the woman she calls her "other half," and how she plans to live a full life for many years even without her.

"You took my sister away from me but you are not going to make me stop living," Borla said in an interview with broadcaster France 3.

"You are not going to make me give up on life."

Hamas executes 5 Gazans charged with murder, aiding Israel

By FARES AKRAM Associated Press

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Gaza's Hamas authorities Sunday executed five Palestinian men convicted in separate cases of murder and alleged collaboration with Israel.

The Interior Ministry said the executions meant "to achieve public deterrence and security," but rights groups in the past have questioned fair-trial standards in the military and civilian courts of the Islamic militant group.

Two of the men, both members of the Palestinian security forces, were killed by firing squad, and the other three were hanged at dawn at a security site in Gaza City.

The executions were the first since Hamas executed three Gazans after a hasty trial in the killing a leader of the group in 2017.

Hamas took over Gaza in 2007 after fierce clashes with forces loyal to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. It has issued 180 death sentences and followed through on 33 of them "without the ratification of the Palestinian President in violation of Palestinian law," according to the Palestinian Center for Human Rights.

The Palestinian Authority, based in and exerting limited self rule in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, signed onto international treaties banning capital punishment in 2018.

Two of those put to death Sunday, ages 44 and 54, were charged with collaborating with Israel and providing it with information that aided the Israeli military in striking targets in Gaza, the ministry said. They had been detained since 2009 and 2015, respectively.

The three others were found guilty of murder in separate cases, including one man who allegedly took part in a shootout that killed a man and a teenage girl during a family dispute in July.

Hamas and Israel have fought four wars and numerous smaller engagements since 2007, the most recent in May 2021. Israel, the United States and the European Union consider the group a terrorist organization for its attacks targeting Israeli civilians.

Survivor of Holocaust, Munich attack heads back to Germany

By KIRSTEN GRIESHABER Associated Press

BERGEN-BELSEN, Germany (AP) — They call him the ultimate survivor: Shaul Ladany lived through a Nazi concentration camp and escaped the massacre of 11 fellow Israeli athletes at the 1972 Olympic Games

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in Munich.

Decades later the 86-year-old is back in Germany to visit the two places where he narrowly avoided death.

On Saturday, Ladany, who was born in 1936 in Belgrade, in the former Yugoslavia, brought family members to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp in northern Germany to show them the place where he was imprisoned by the Nazis as an 8-year-old boy.

After that the spry octogenarian will participate in a joint German-Israeli ceremony in Munich on Monday marking the 50th anniversary of the attack on the Olympians by Palestinian terrorists.

Ladany, who competed in the Munich games as a racewalker, strode briskly in lime-green sneakers and a beige sun hat as he led his granddaughter, his younger sister and her three children in Bergen-Belsen, which has been turned into a memorial site. He pointed at a plot of land, nowadays covered by blueberry and heather shrubs and tall birch and pine trees, where barracks No. 10 used to stand.

He was held there with his parents and two sisters for about six months in 1944 before they were allowed to leave under a deal negotiated by Hungarian and Swiss Jewish foundations, which paid the Nazis ransom to free more than 1,600 Jews deported from Hungary.

"It's not a pleasant thing to recall the period here," Ladany said in an interview with The Associated Press at the former concentration camp. But it was important to him to come back and tell relatives about the horrors he endured during the Holocaust, in which 6 million European Jews were killed. It is a pilgrimage he has already made several times before with other family members.

"I always bring here one of my relatives to teach them, to educate them what happened," Ladany said.

Even though he was a little boy at the time, Ladany still remembers the constant hunger and enduring seemingly endless roll calls in the cold wind outside the barracks when the guards would count the camp inmates.

The Ladany family fled Belgrade in 1941 after their home was bombed by the German Luftwaffe, or air force. They escaped to Budapest, Hungary, but were eventually captured by the Nazis and sent to Bergen-Belsen, where 52,000 mostly Jewish prisoners died at the concentration camp and more than 19,000 prisoners of war, mostly from the Soviet Union, died at the adjacent POW camp.

After being freed in the exchange, Ladany and his family traveled to Switzerland and ultimately moved in 1948 to Israel. There he grew up to become a professor of industrial engineering and management and an accomplished racewalker — he still holds the 50-mile world record, set in 1972.

When he came to Munich for the Olympics at 36 years old, he said, he tried to guess the age of every German he met, and "if in my mind he would have been age-wise in the age group that might have participated in the Third Reich's atrocities, I prevented any contact."

However, this time it wasn't the Germans who posed a threat to his life.

Early on the morning of Sept. 5, members of the Palestinian group Black September broke into the Olympic Village, killed two athletes from the Israeli delegation and took nine more hostage, demanding the release of Palestinian prisoners in Israel as well as two left-wing extremists in West German jails.

Ladany, again, narrowly escaped. A terrified roommate woke him up to say a fellow athlete was dead, and he quickly put on his sneakers and ran to the door of their apartment.

Just outside he saw an Olympic official pleading with a man in a tracksuit and hat, later identified as the leader of the assailants, to be "humane" and let Red Cross officials into an adjacent apartment. The man, Ladany recalled, responded: "The Jews aren't humane either."

Ladany turned around, threw on some clothes over his pajamas and joined other teammates in fleeing. Not everyone was so lucky; all nine hostages and a police officer were killed during a failed rescue attempt by German forces.

Ladany said that while before the attack the Olympics was purely "a sports meeting of joy and competition," today no such event is held without strict security.

"Since then," he said, "the world has changed."

West Germany was criticized not only for botching the rescue but also for withholding historic files on the tragic events for decades, and for not offering enough compensation to victims' families. Relatives of

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the 11 slain athletes had threatened to boycott Monday's anniversary but last week finally reached a deal in which they will receive a total of 28 million euros (dollars) in compensation.

Ladany plans to wear his original Israeli team jacket from 1972 when he attends the memorial, and he's looking forward to showing the world that both he and Israel have endured.

"Those that tried to kill me are not alive anymore," he said. "We are still here. Not only as individuals, but also as a country."

Fire-stricken California town has learned to live on edge

By ADAM BEAM Associated Press

WEED, Calif. (AP) — The fire-stricken Northern California town of Weed has long been seen by passersby as a whimsical spot to stop along Interstate 5 and buy an ironic T-shirt, but residents say they've grown edgy in recent years due to a new danger: Dark skies, swirling ash and flames that race so quickly they leave little time for escape.

Their fears exploded to life again in recent days as California's latest inferno burned homes and buildings and forced evacuations in the small community about 280 miles (451 kilometers) northeast of San Francisco.

Among the thousands of people displaced was Naomi Vogelsang. Her home destroyed, dog missing, and 10-year relationship with her boyfriend recently ended — all she could do on Saturday was sit outside a wildfire evacuation center with \$20 in her pocket, waiting for a ride to the casino.

"It can't be any worse," she said.

The day before, flames raced from Roseburg Forest Products, which makes wood products, into Weed's Lincoln Heights neighborhood where a significant number of homes burned and residents had to flee for their lives. The blaze known as the Mill Fire had spread to more than 6.6 square miles (17 square kilometers) by Saturday evening and was 25% contained.

After fleeing the fire, 63-year-old Judy Christenson remembered a similar escape 40 years ago when, as a young parent, she had to rush her children out of a burning home. Last summer, a wildfire forced her to evacuate and leave her pets behind. Now, Christenson says she leaves harnesses on her pets all the time so she can grab them at a moment's notice and leave.

"Whenever this happens, I get really bad," Christenson said from the front seat of a car at an evacuation center in Yreka as Felix, her orange cat, napped in the backseat. "I can't think straight."

Nestled in the shadow of Mt. Shasta — a 14,000-foot (4,267-meter) volcano that is the second-highest peak in the Cascade Range — Weed is no stranger to wildfires.

Strong winds in the area that fan flames drew the town's founder for a very different reason. Abner Weed, a Civil War soldier who is said to have witnessed the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender before moving to California, chose to put a sawmill there because the wind would dry out the timber, according to Bob West, a lifelong resident who co-owns Ellie's Espresso and Bakery, a coffee and sandwich shop that contains some historical items of the town's past.

The winds make Weed and the surrounding area a perilous place for wildfires, whipping small flames into a frenzy. Weed has seen three major fires since 2014, a period of extreme drought that has prompted the largest and most destructive fires in California history.

That drought persists as California heads into what traditionally is the worst of the fire season. Scientists say climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

Dominique Mathes, 37, said he's had some close calls with wildfires since he has lived in Weed. But he's not interested in leaving.

"It's a beautiful place," he said. "Everybody has risks everywhere, like Florida's got hurricanes and floods, Louisiana has got tornadoes and all that stuff. So, it happens everywhere. Unfortunately here, it's fires."

Evacuation orders were quickly put in effect Friday for 7,500 people — including West, who is 53 and has lived in Weed since he was a 1-year-old. He had never had to evacuate for a fire, but now he's had to do it twice.

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"It's way worse than it used to be," he said. "It affects our community because people leave because they don't want to rebuild."

Cal Fire Siskiyou Unit Chief Phil Anzo said crews worked all day and night to protect structures in Weed and in a subdivision to the east known as Carrick Addition. He said about 100 structures were destroyed.

Two people were brought to Mercy Medical Center Mount Shasta. One was in stable condition and the other was transferred to UC Davis Medical Center, which has a burn unit.

"There's a lot at stake on that Mill Fire," Anzo said. "There's a lot of communities, a lot of homes there."

Evacuees and firefighters quickly filled up local hotels while others rushed to stay with family and friends outside of the evacuation zone.

Vogelsang was not as fortunate. She said she slept on a bench in Weed until she could get a ride to the evacuation center. She said she's spent most of the time crying about Bella, her 10-year-old English bulldog who — despite her best efforts — would not follow her out of the fire and is lost.

"My dog was my everything," she said. "I just feel like I lost everything that mattered."

No. 2 Ohio State wears down No. 5 Notre Dame 21-10

By RALPH D. RUSSO AP College Football Writer

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — With its vaunted offense bogged down, No. 2 Ohio State leaned on its revamped defense in a top-five opener against a former Buckeye that tested its toughness.

C.J. Stroud threw two touchdown passes and Ohio State shut out No. 5 Notre Dame over the final 42 minutes in a gritty 21-10 victory on Saturday night.

"The story of the night was the defense, to turn around and play the way they did after what's been said about them in the off-season, questioning their toughness, and play the way they did against the No. 5 team in the country ... I thought the energy was off the charts for the defense tonight," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said.

The first regular-season meeting of the storied programs since 1996 was a homecoming for first-year Notre Dame coach Marcus Freeman. The former Buckeyes linebacker has made a meteoric rise to lead the Fighting Irish at the age of 36.

Freeman is 0-2 as a head coach after losing a bowl game just weeks after being named Brian Kelly's successor.

The Irish hung with the high-scoring Buckeyes for most of three quarters, frustrating Heisman Trophy finalist Stroud and putting together a couple of first-half scoring drives.

"We battled for two and a half quarters, but then they scored with 17 seconds left in the third and we didn't respond," Freeman said.

Ohio State's defense, too generous against the run last season, put the clamps on the Irish and new starting quarterback Tyler Buchner in the second half.

"We were called soft all last year and we had to sit there and just eat," Ohio State defensive back Lathan Ransom said.

Day turned over his defensive staff in the offseason, bringing in Jim Knowles from Oklahoma State to be coordinator.

How quickly the Buckeyes would pick up a scheme that is considered more complicated and multiple than the one they have been running was an open question.

Looked good in game one. The Irish managed just 253 yards and punted on their last six possessions. Tommy Eichenberg had two of Ohio State's three sacks.

"We got a lot to prove. And everyone just played extremely confident, too," Eichenberg said.

The Irish D could only hold up for so long.

On a third-and-long, Notre Dame brought multiple blitzers and Ohio State gave Stroud plenty of time to find Xavier Johnson open down the vacated deep middle for a 24-yard score. That put the Buckeyes up 14-10 with 17 seconds left in the third quarter.

On its next drive, Ohio State asserted itself. The Buckeyes went 95 yards on 14 plays, killing seven min-

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utes off the clock and making it 21-10 on a 1-yard surge by Miyan Williams.

Williams ran for 84 yards on 14 carries and TreVeyon Henderson had 91 on 15 attempts.

Ohio State led the nation in scoring and yards per play last season, but for much of the night it was a slog for Stroud. And Day seemed thrilled to see his team endure.

"We wanted to be known as something other than talented," Day said.

Playing mostly without star receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba, who took a hard hit on the first series, Stroud threw for 223 yards, including a 31-yard TD to Emeka Egbuka to make it 7-3 in the first quarter.

But that was it for the Buckeyes in the first half.

Buchner and the Irish responded with a long drive capped by Audric Etime's 1-yard touchdown leap in the second quarter to put the Irish up 10-7.

That's how it went to the half. Things could not have gone much better for Freeman to that point in his return to Ohio Stadium, but it turned out that was as good as it would get.

TAKEAWAY

Notre Dame: Buchner completed his first eight passes and then went 2 for 10 the rest of the way. The Irish got creative and made some big catches in the first half to move the ball, but ran out of answers.

"Ohio State's a really talented team, they're defense is awesome and you can't give the ball back to their offense, so when it wasn't clicking in the second half, it killed us," Buchner said.

Ohio State: Smith-Njigba, last seen setting Rose Bowl records, finished with two catches for 3 yards. The Buckeyes boast receiver room filled with blue-chippers, but it was Johnson, a fifth-year senior and former walk-on, who caught the go-ahead touchdown.

Johnson followed up his first career touchdown with a big tackle on the ensuing kickoff.

"He's kind of a throwback player," Day said. "And for him to come in and play in that moment in this game right here, I just couldn't be happier for him. Because it shows you that good things happen to good people who work hard."

STAR STUDDER

Ohio State honored its 2002 national championship during a quick on-the-field ceremony in the first half with former coach Jim Tressel and dozens of former players, including Maurice Clarett.

Tressel reluctantly was hoisted on to the shoulders of two former players and the crowd roared.

The first game in the 100th season of Ohio Stadium drew 106,549 fans and attracted LeBron James and his son, Bronny, to the Ohio State sideline. With the NFL season a week away, former Buckeyes Justin Fields and Chase Young were in attendance, too.

NEXT UP

Notre Dame: The first home game for Freeman is next week against Marshall.

Ohio State: Toledo visits the Buckeyes.

Chile votes on proposed constitution with big changes

By DANIEL POLITI Associated Press

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Chileans are voting in a plebiscite Sunday on whether to adopt a far-reaching new constitution that would fundamentally change the South American country.

The proposed charter is intended to replace a constitution imposed by a military dictatorship 41 years ago.

For months, opinion polls have shown a clear advantage for the rejection camp, but the difference has been narrowing, giving hope to the charter's supporters that they can pull out a victory.

"We are clearly in a situation in which the result will be close," said Marta Lagos, head of MORI, a local pollster. "The Chilean is a political animal who decides at the last minute."

The outcome will have a resounding impact on President Gabriel Boric, 36, who has been one of the main proponents of the new constitution. Analysts say voters also likely view the vote as a referendum on Chile's youngest-ever president, whose popularity has plunged since taking office in March.

Voting is mandatory in the plebiscite, which climaxes a three-year process that began when the country once seen as a paragon of stability in the region exploded in student-led street protests in 2019. The un-

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rest was sparked by a hike in public transportation prices, but it quickly expanded into broader demands for greater equality and more social protections.

The following year, just under 80% of Chileans voted in favor of changing the country's constitution that dates from the country's 1973-1990 military dictatorship led by Augusto Pinochet.

Then in 2021, they elected delegates to a constitutional convention. Amid the anti-establishment fervor of the time, Chileans largely chose people outside the traditional political establishment to draft the new constitution. It was the first in the world to be written by a convention split equally between male and female delegates.

After months of work, delegates came up with a 178-page document with 388 articles that, among other things, puts a focus on social issues and gender parity, enshrines rights for the country's Indigenous population and puts the environment and climate change center stage in a country that is the world's top copper producer. It also introduces rights to free education, health care and housing.

The new constitution would characterize Chile as a plurinational state, establish autonomous Indigenous territories and recognize a parallel justice system in those areas, although lawmakers would decide how far-reaching that would be.

In contrast, the current constitution is a market-friendly document that favors the private sector over the state in aspects like education, pensions and health care. It also makes no reference to the country's Indigenous population, which makes up almost 13% of the country's 19 million people.

"This is a door to build a more just, more democratic society," said Elisa Loncon, an Indigenous leader who was the first president of the convention. "It isn't as if Chile will wake up with all its political and economic problems automatically resolved, but it's a starting point."

Hundreds of thousands of people took over a main avenue in Chile's capital Thursday night at the closing rally of the pro-charter campaign, a turnout that proponents say shows a level of excitement the polls do not reflect.

"Polls have not been able to capture the new voter, and above all, the young voter," Loncon said.

Once the convention got to work, Chileans quickly began souring on the proposed document, with some worrying it was too far left. It is "an imposition by leftist radicals on society at large," said Paulina Lobos, who has been campaigning against the proposed document.

Supporters say that was at least in part due to a flood of fake news that spread lies about the proposed constitution.

But it wasn't just about the document's contents. Chileans also grew frustrated at the convention delegates who often made headlines for the wrong reasons, such as one who lied about having leukemia and another who cast a vote while taking a shower.

"An opportunity was missed to build a new social pact in Chile," said Sen. Javier Macaya, head of the conservative Independent Democratic Union party that is campaigning against the new constitution. "We are defending the option to reject (the document) so we have a new chance to do things better."

Macaya insists it is important for a new constitution to win approval by a broad margin "through consensus and compromise."

Although Chileans, including the country's political leadership, largely agree the dictatorship-era constitution needs to be tossed out, how that will be achieved if the current proposal is rejected remains to be seen.

"If it's rejected, what is institutionalized is maintaining Pinochet's constitution — that constitution that no longer answers the needs of Chilean society," Loncon said.

Barack Obama wins Emmy for narrating national parks series

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Barack Obama is halfway to an EGOT.

The former president won an Emmy Award on Saturday to go with his two Grammys.

Obama won the best narrator Emmy for his work on the Netflix documentary series, "Our Great National Parks."

The five-part show, which features national parks from around the globe, is produced by Barack and

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Michelle Obama's production company, "Higher Ground."

He was the biggest name in a category full of famous nominees for the award handed out at Saturday night's Creative Arts Emmys, including Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, David Attenborough and Lupita Nyong'o.

Barack Obama is the second president to have an Emmy. Dwight D. Eisenhower was given a special Emmy Award in 1956.

Barack Obama previously won Grammy Awards for his audiobook reading of two of his memoirs, "The Audacity of Hope" and "A Promised Land." Michelle Obama won her own Grammy for reading her audiobook in 2020.

EGOT refers to a special category of entertainers who have won an Emmy, a Grammy, an Oscar and a Tony. To date, 17 people have done it.

The late Chadwick Boseman also won an Emmy for his voice work on Saturday. The "Black Panther" actor won for outstanding character voiceover for the Disney+ and Marvel Studios animated show "What If...?"

On the show, Boseman voiced his "Black Panther" character T'Challa in an alternate universe where he becomes Star-Lord from "Guardians of the Galaxy."

It was one of the last projects for Boseman, who died in 2020 of colon cancer at age 43.

Flashbacks: Charred California town no stranger to wildfire

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After fleeing the blaze, 63-year-old Judy Christenson remembered a similar escape 40 years ago when, as a young parent, she had to rush her children out of a burning home. Last summer, a wildfire forced her to evacuate and leave her pets behind. Now, Christenson says she leaves harnesses on her pets all the time so she can grab them at a moment's notice and leave.

"Whenever this happens, I get really bad," Christenson said from the front seat of a car at an evacuation center in Yreka as Felix, her orange cat, napped in the backseat. "I can't think straight."

Nestled in the shadow of Mt. Shasta — a 14,000-foot (4,267.2-meter) volcano that is the second-highest peak in the Cascade Range — Weed is no stranger to wildfires.

Strong winds in the area that fan flames drew the town's founder for a very different reason. Abner Weed, a Civil War soldier who is said to have witnessed the Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee's surrender before moving to California, chose to put a sawmill there because the wind would dry out the timber, according to Bob West, a lifelong resident who co-owns Ellie's Espresso and Bakery, a coffee and sandwich shop that contains some historical items of the town's past.

The winds make Weed and the surrounding area a perilous place for wildfires, whipping small flames into a frenzy. Weed has seen three major fires since 2014, a period of extreme drought that has prompted the largest and most destructive fires in California history.

That drought persists as California heads into what traditionally is the worst of the fire season. Scientists say climate change has made the West warmer and drier over the last three decades and will continue to

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make weather more extreme and wildfires more frequent and destructive.

Dominique Mathes, 37, said he's had some close calls with wildfires since he has lived in Weed. But he's not interested in leaving.

"It's a beautiful place," he said. "Everybody has risks everywhere, like Florida's got hurricanes and floods, Louisiana has got tornadoes and all that stuff. So, it happens everywhere. Unfortunately here, it's fires."

Evacuation orders were quickly put in effect Friday for 7,500 people – including West, who is 53 and has lived in Weed since he was a 1-year-old. He had never had to evacuate for a fire, but now he's had to do it twice.

"It's way worse than it used to be," he said. "It affects our community because people leave because they don't want to rebuild."

Cal Fire Siskiyou Unit Chief Phil Anzo said crews worked all day and night to protect structures in Weed and in a subdivision to the east known as Carrick Addition. He said about 100 structures were destroyed.

Two people were brought to Mercy Medical Center Mount Shasta. One was in stable condition and the other was transferred to UC Davis Medical Center, which has a burn unit.

"There's a lot at stake on that Mill Fire," Anzo said. "There's a lot of communities, a lot of homes there."

Evacuees and firefighters quickly filled up local hotels while others rushed to stay with family and friends outside of the evacuation zone.

Vogelsang was not as fortunate. She said she slept on a bench in Weed until she could get a ride to the evacuation center. She said she's spent most of the time crying about Bella, her 10-year-old English bulldog who — despite her best efforts — would not follow her out of the fire and is lost.

"My dog was my everything," she said. "I just feel like I lost everything that mattered."

Trump moves to general election mode with Pennsylvania rally

By MARC LEVY and JILL COLVIN Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — Larry Mitko voted for Donald Trump in 2016. But the Republican from Beaver County in western Pennsylvania says he has no plans to back his party's nominee for Senate, Dr. Mehmet Oz — "no way, no how."

Mitko doesn't feel like he knows the celebrity heart surgeon, who only narrowly won his May primary with Trump's backing. Instead, Mitko plans to vote for Oz's Democratic rival, Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, a name he's been familiar with since Fetterman's days as mayor of nearby Braddock.

"Dr. Oz hasn't showed me one thing to get me to vote for him," he said. "I won't vote for someone I don't know."

Mitko's thinking underscores the political challenges facing Trump and the rest of the Republican Party as the former president shifts to general election mode with a rally Saturday night in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the first of the fall campaign.

While the rally was organized to bolster Oz and Doug Mastriano, the GOP's hard-line nominee for governor of Pennsylvania, it was Trump's first rally since the FBI's search of his Mar-a-Lago club, and Trump spent part of the evening railing against it.

He called it "one of the most shocking abuses of power by any administration in American history" and "a travesty of justice."

"They're trying to silence me and more importantly they're trying to silence you. But we will not be silenced, right?" Trump said.

Investigators recovered thousands of documents in the search, including more than 100 with classified and top secret markings.

Trump's endorsed picks won many Republican primaries this summer, but many of the candidates he backed were inexperienced and polarizing figures now struggling in their November races. That's putting Senate control — once assumed to be a lock for Republicans — on the line.

In addition to Oz, among the others are author JD Vance in Ohio, venture capitalist Blake Masters in Arizona and former football star Herschel Walker in Georgia.

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"Republicans have now nominated a number of candidates who've never run for office before for very high-profile Senate races," said veteran Republican pollster Whit Ayres. While he isn't writing his party's chances off just yet, he said, "It's a much more difficult endeavor than a candidate who had won several difficult political races before."

The stakes are particularly high for Trump as he lays the groundwork for an expected 2024 presidential run amid a series of escalating legal challenges.

This past week, President Joe Biden gave a prime-time speech in Philadelphia warning that Trump and other "MAGA" Republicans — the acronym for Trump's "Make America Great Again" campaign slogan — posed a threat to U.S. democracy. Biden has tried to frame the upcoming vote, as he did the 2020 election, as a battle for the "soul of the nation." Biden's Labor Day visit to Pittsburgh will be his third to the state within a week, a sign of Pennsylvania's election-year importance.

Trump repeatedly attacked Biden — saying at one point "above all this election is a referendum on the corruption and extremism" of Biden and Democrats — and gave a brief spotlight to Oz and Mastriano.

Mastriano, he noted, had fought with him from the beginning to try to help Trump overturn the 2020 election and stay in power, saying Mastriano fought "like very few people fought."

Oz, Trump said, "is going to work and fight for Pennsylvania," while he attacked Fetterman and the Democratic nominee for governor, Josh Shapiro, as extreme while distorting their positions on issues like crime and abortion. In particular, the former president went after Fetterman's irreverent dressing habits — shorts and hoodies — saying that "I don't like those dirty sweat suits, they're disgusting."

"Fetterman may dress like a teenager getting high in his parents' basement, but he's a raging lunatic hell-bent on springing hardened criminals out of jail in the middle of the worst crime wave in Pennsylvania history," Trump said.

Republicans have targeted Fetterman for backing proposals to release more geriatric or rehabilitated inmates from prisons and provide flexibility in certain mandatory-sentencing laws.

While Republicans were once seen as having a good chance of gaining control of both chambers of Congress in November, benefitting from soaring inflation, high gas prices and Biden's slumping approval ratings, Republicans have found themselves on defense since the Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade decision protecting abortion rights.

Some candidates, like Mastriano, are sticking with their primary campaign playbooks, hoping they can win by turning out Trump's loyal base even if they alienate or ignore more moderate voters.

Mastriano, who wants to outlaw abortion even when pregnancies are the result of rape or incest or endanger the life of the mother, played a leading role in Trump's effort to overturn the 2020 election and was seen outside the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, as pro-Trump rioters stormed the building.

But others have been trying to broaden their appeal, scrubbing from their websites references to anti-abortion messaging that is out of step with the political mainstream. Others have played down Trump endorsements that were once featured prominently.

The shifting climate has prompted rounds of finger-pointing in the party, including from Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who last month cited "candidate quality" as he lowered expectations that Republicans would recapture control of the Senate.

Florida Sen. Rick Scott, who leads the National Republican Senatorial Committee, said those who complain about the party's nominees have "contempt" for the voters who chose them.

Trump, too, fired back, calling McConnell a "disgrace" as he defended the party's candidate roster.

Democrats have also piled on.

"Republicans have put forward a roster of deeply flawed recruits," said David Bergstein, the Senate Democratic campaign committee's communication director.

In Pennsylvania, Republicans are hoping Oz's shortcomings as a candidate will be overshadowed by concerns about Fetterman, who suffered a stroke just days before the primary and has been sidelined for much of the summer.

Republicans acknowledge that Oz struggles to come off as authentic and was slow to punch back as

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Fetterman spent the summer trolling him on social media and portraying him as an ultrawealthy, out-of-touch carpetbagger from New Jersey.

While Fetterman leads Oz in polls and fundraising, Republicans say they expect the money gap to narrow and are pleased to see Oz within striking distance after getting hammered by \$20 million in negative advertising during the primaries.

Oz has won over some once-skeptical voters, like Glen Rubendall, who didn't vote for the TV doctor in his seven-way primary — a victory so narrow it went to a statewide recount — but said he's come around and has a "pro-Oz view now."

Traci Martin, a registered independent, also plans to vote for Oz because she opposes abortion, despite ads that aired during the primary featuring past Oz statements that seemed supportive of abortion rights.

"I hope he is (anti-abortion)," Martin said, "but the sad part is we live in an age when we see politicians say one thing and do another."

Leak ruins NASA moon rocket launch bid; next try weeks away

By MARCIA DUNN AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's new moon rocket sprang another dangerous fuel leak Saturday, forcing launch controllers to call off their second attempt this week to send a crew capsule into lunar orbit with test dummies. The inaugural flight is now off for weeks, if not months.

The previous try on Monday at launching the 322-foot (98-meter) Space Launch System rocket, the most powerful ever built by NASA, was also troubled by hydrogen leaks, though they were smaller. That was on top of leaks detected during countdown drills earlier in the year.

After the latest setback, mission managers decided to haul the rocket off the pad and into the hangar for further repairs and system updates. Some of the work and testing may be performed at the pad before the rocket is moved. Either way, several weeks of work will be needed, according to officials.

With a two-week launch blackout period looming in just a few days, the rocket is now grounded until late September or October. NASA will work around a high-priority SpaceX astronaut flight to the International Space Station scheduled for early October.

NASA Administrator Bill Nelson stressed that safety is the top priority, especially on a test flight like this where everyone wants to verify the rocket's systems "before we put four humans up on the top of it."

"Just remember: We're not going to launch until it's right," he said.

NASA already has been waiting years to send the crew capsule atop the rocket around the moon. If the six-week demo succeeds, astronauts could fly around the moon in 2024 and land on it in 2025. People last walked on the moon 50 years ago.

Launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson and her team had barely started loading nearly 1 million gallons of fuel into the Space Launch System rocket at daybreak when the large leak cropped up in the engine section at the bottom.

Ground controllers tried to plug it the way they handled previous, smaller leaks: stopping and restarting the flow of super-cold liquid hydrogen in hopes of closing the gap around a seal in the supply line. They tried that twice, in fact, and also flushed helium through the line. But the leak persisted.

Blackwell-Thompson finally halted the countdown after three to four hours of futile efforts.

Mission manager Mike Sarafin told journalists it was too early to tell what caused the leak, but it may have been due to inadvertent over-pressurization of the hydrogen line earlier in the morning when someone sent commands to the wrong valve.

"This was not a manageable leak," Sarafin said, adding that the escaping hydrogen exceeded flammability limits by two or three times.

During Monday's attempt, a series of small hydrogen leaks popped up there and elsewhere on the rocket. Technicians tightened up the fittings over the following days, but Blackwell-Thompson had cautioned that she wouldn't know whether everything was tight until Saturday's fueling.

Hydrogen molecules are exceedingly small — the smallest in existence — and even the tiniest gap or

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crevice can provide a way out. NASA's space shuttles, now retired, were plagued by hydrogen leaks. The new moon rocket uses the same type of main engines.

Even more of a problem Monday was that a sensor indicated one of the rocket's four engines was too warm, though engineers later verified it actually was cool enough. The launch team planned to ignore the faulty sensor this time around and rely on other instruments to ensure each main engine was properly chilled. But the countdown never got that far.

Thousands of people who jammed the coast over the long Labor Day weekend, hoping to see the Space Launch System rocket soar, left disappointed.

The \$4.1 billion test flight is the first step in NASA's Artemis program of renewed lunar exploration, named after the twin sister of Apollo in Greek mythology.

Years behind schedule and billions over budget, Artemis aims to establish a sustained human presence on the moon, with crews eventually spending weeks at a time there. It's considered a training ground for Mars.

Twelve astronauts walked on the moon during the Apollo program, the last time in 1972.

Bennett, Georgia D lead No. 3 Dawgs to 49-3 rout of Oregon

By PAUL NEWBERRY AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA (AP) — Stetson Bennett and the Georgia defense picked up where they left off in last year's national championship game, even with a bunch of their former teammates now playing in the NFL.

Bennett threw for 368 yards and accounted for three touchdowns, a revamped defense didn't miss a beat, and the No. 3 Bulldogs looked very much like a champion intent on repeating with a 49-3 rout of No. 11 Oregon on Saturday.

Bennett completed 25-of-31 passes with two touchdowns and ran for another score in the season opener before calling it a day in the third quarter. By that point, Georgia led 42-3 and had thoroughly ruined the debut of Oregon coach Dan Lanning.

Georgia really opened it up on offense, throwing 37 times for 439 yards.

"I think when you watch what they did today, if you're watching from home, you're saying, 'Man, I'd love to come play in that offense,'" coach Kirby Smart said.

After spending the last three years as Georgia's co-defensive coordinator, Lanning got a look at his former team from the opposing sideline in a game played before a predominantly red-clad crowd at the home of the NFL's Atlanta Falcons.

He saw just how far the Ducks have to go.

"That locker room is hurting a little bit," Lanning said. "But they're ready to grow."

Bennett, the former walk-on who led a storybook run to Georgia's first national title since 1980, returned for a sixth college season with a firm grip on the starting job after battling for playing time most of his career.

Bennett was the offensive MVP of both Georgia victories in last year's College Football Playoff.

He started his final season with a career high for passing yards.

"It's always good to go in being the guy," Bennett said. "It was pretty cool."

He guided the Bulldogs to the end zone on all six possessions he played. He ran for a 1-yard score and tossed TD passes of 4 yards to Ladd McConkey — spinning away from a pass rusher who appeared to have him corralled — and 18 yards to Adonai Mitchell.

There were some questions about the Georgia defense, which had five players off the 2021 unit selected in the first round of the NFL draft.

Any doubts were quickly put to rest by a swarming group that looked very much like last year's defense for the ages, making life miserable for new Oregon quarterback Bo Nix.

"One of our mottos is, 'No one in our end zone,'" said Christopher Smith, who had one of Georgia's two interceptions.

Nix transferred to Eugene after starting at Auburn the last three seasons. He immediately found himself

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facing a team he lost to three times while playing in the SEC.

Make it 0-4.

Nix's frustration was evident when he buried his helmet in his hands after a false-start penalty.

Georgia's day was epitomized by a short pass to Darnell Washington that turned into a big gain when the 6-foot-7, 270-pound tight end shrugged off one defender hitting him high and hurdled another who tried to bring him down low.

QUITE A DEBUT

Freshman Malaki Starks looks like one of the new stars of the Georgia defense.

He made a brilliant interception while falling backward at the Georgia 8 and wound up leading the team with eight tackles.

NIX IN GREEN

Despite his poor showing, Nix has a solid grasp on the Oregon quarterback job.

Nix completed 21 of 37 for just 173 yards, and his second interception — the one picked off by Smith — was an especially poor decision.

"He forced a throw he didn't need to force," Lanning said. "Bo knows that."

Even though he didn't name a starting quarterback leading up to the game, Lanning never considered giving someone else a shot.

Nix is still No. 1 on the depth chart.

"He's our quarterback," Lanning said. "He did a good job handling some adverse situations. Now he's got to figure out how he can improve."

THE TAKEAWAY

Oregon: Lanning clearly has a lot of work to do to bring the Ducks up to a truly elite level. While there's no shame in losing to a team such as Georgia, Oregon expected to be much more competitive in their new coach's first game.

Georgia: The Bulldogs are off and rolling in defense of their national championship. They weren't threatened at all by perhaps the toughest team on their schedule until a Nov. 19 game at Kentucky.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Bulldogs are more than worthy of their No. 3 ranking. Smart has built a program that reloads rather than rebuilds.

Oregon is sure to tumble in The Associated Press poll. But at least every game from here on out looks much easier than facing the Bulldogs.

UP NEXT

Oregon: Home opener next Saturday against FCS school Eastern Washington.

Georgia: While this seemed like a home game for Georgia, its actual home opener is next Saturday against FCS opponent Sanford.

Border patrol: 9 migrants die crossing swift Texas river

By ELLIOT SPAGAT and SEAN MURPHY Associated Press

Officials on both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border searched for more victims Saturday after at least nine migrants died while trying to cross the rain-swollen Rio Grande, a dangerous border-crossing attempt in an area where the river level had risen by more than 2 feet in a single day.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection and Mexican officials discovered the victims near Eagle Pass, Texas, on Thursday, following days of heavy rains. U.S. officials recovered six bodies, while Mexican teams recovered three, according to a CBP statement. It is one of the deadliest drownings on the U.S.-Mexico border in recent history.

The river, which was a little more than 3 feet (90 centimeters) deep at the start of the week, reached more than 5 feet (1.5 meters) on Thursday, and the water was flowing five times faster than usual, according to the National Weather Service.

The CBP said U.S. crews rescued 37 others from the river and detained 16 more, while Mexican officials

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took 39 migrants into custody.

CBP did not say what country or countries the migrants were from and did not provide any additional information on rescue and search operations. Local agencies in Texas that were involved have not responded to requests for information.

Among the bodies recovered from the river by Mexican authorities was a man and a pregnant woman, although their nationalities were unknown, said Francisco Contreras, a member of Civil Protection in the Mexican border state of Coahuila. No details were released about the third body found.

The Border Patrol's Del Rio sector, which includes Eagle Pass, is fast becoming the busiest corridor for illegal crossings. Agents stopped migrants nearly 50,000 times in the sector in July, with Rio Grande Valley a distant second at about 35,000. Eagle Pass is about 140 miles (225 kilometers) southwest of San Antonio.

Chief Patrol Agent Jason Owens of the Del Rio sector said that despite dangerous currents from recent rainfall, Border Patrol agents in the sector continue to encounter groups as large as 100 or 200 people trying to cross the Rio Grande each day.

"In an effort to prevent further loss of life, we are asking everyone to please avoid crossing illegally," Owens said in a statement.

Among the reasons the area has become popular for migrants in recent years is that it is not as strongly controlled by cartels and is perceived to be somewhat safer, said Stephanie Leutert, director of Central America and Mexico Policy Initiative at the University of Texas' Center for International Security and Law.

"It might be a different price. It might be seen as safer. It might keep you out of cities that are notoriously dangerous," Leutert said. "Those cities (in the Del Rio sector) definitely have had a reputation as being safer than say, Nueva Laredo."

The area draws migrants from dozens of countries, many of them families with young children. About six of 10 stops in the Del Rio sector in July were migrants from Venezuela, Cuba or Nicaragua. The region also has been a popular crossing point for migrants from Haiti, thousands of whom have been stuck in border towns since 2016, when the Obama administration abruptly halted a policy that initially allowed them in on humanitarian grounds.

The sector, which extends 245 miles (395 kilometers) along the Río Grande, has been especially dangerous because river currents can be deceptively fast and change quickly. Crossing the river can be challenging even for strong swimmers.

"There are places when the water levels are down where you could wade across, but when the river is up it's extremely dangerous, especially if you're carrying kids or trying to help someone who is not a strong swimmer," Leutert said.

In a news release last month, CBP said it had discovered bodies of more than 200 dead migrants in the sector from October through July.

This year is on track to break last year's record for the most deaths on the U.S.-Mexico border since 2014, when the U.N. International Organization for Migration began keeping record. The organization has tallied more than 4,000 deaths on the border since 2014, based on news reports and other sources, including 728 last year and 412 during the first seven months of this year, often from dehydration or drowning. June was the fourth-deadliest month on record, with 138 fatalities.

The Border Patrol has not released official tallies since 2020.

In June, 53 migrants were found dead or dying in a tractor-trailer on a back road in San Antonio in the deadliest documented tragedy to claim the lives of migrants smuggled across the border from Mexico.

"The whole journey speaks to the desperation of people," Leutert said. "They know that crossing the river is dangerous. They know that hiking through ranchland is dangerous. They know that crossing Mexico as a foreigner is dangerous. But they're willing to do this because what they're leaving behind is, to them, a worse possibility than facing risk and trying for a better opportunity in the U.S."

Some of the busiest crossings on the border — including Eagle Pass and Yuma, Arizona — were relatively quiet two years ago and now largely draw migrants from outside Mexico and Central America's 'Northern Triangle' countries of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador. Mexico has agreed to take migrants from

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the 'Northern Triangle' countries, as well as its own nationals, if they are expelled from the United States under Title 42, the pandemic rule in effect since March 2020 that denies rights to seek asylum on grounds of preventing the spread of COVID-19.

People from other countries are likely to be released into the United States on humanitarian parole or with notices to appear in immigration court because the U.S. has difficulty flying them home due to costs, strained diplomatic relations or other considerations. In the Border Patrol's Del Rio sector, which includes Eagle Pass, only one of every four stops in July were processed under the pandemic rule, compared to about half across the rest of the border, according to government figures.

Venezuelans were by far the most common nationality encountered by Border Patrol agents in the Del Rio sector in July, accounting for 14,120 of 49,563 stops, or nearly three in 10. They were followed by Cubans, who were stopped 10,275 times, and then by Mexicans, Hondurans, Nicaraguans and Colombians, in that order.

As more people crossed into South Texas in the 2010s, Brooks County became a death trap for many migrants who tried walking around a Border Patrol highway checkpoint in the town of Falfurrias, about 70 miles (110 kilometers) north of the border. Smugglers dropped them off before the checkpoint and made arrangements to pick them up on the other side, but some perished on the way from dehydration.

The Baboquivari Mountains in Arizona and ranches in Texas' Brooks County still draw Border Patrol agents and grief-stricken families hoping to rescue migrants or, if not, find corpses, but the deceptively strong currents around the Texas towns of Eagle Pass and Del Rio have become increasingly dangerous as the area has become one of the most popular spots to enter the United States illegally.

Not all victims are migrants. In April this year, the body of a Texas guardsman was recovered from the Rio Grande. He had jumped in to try to help a migrant who was struggling in the water.

Man dies in shootout with Milwaukee police; bystander hurt

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A man was killed by Milwaukee officers after he led them on a chase into a busy downtown bar district, then got out of his vehicle and opened fire on them, police said.

One bystander, a 22-year-old Hudson woman, was hit by gunfire in the Friday night shootout, police said. Authorities said they did not immediately know if she was shot by police or by the man; police said her injuries were not life-threatening and she was treated at a local hospital. No officers were hit by gunfire.

Police said the 47-year-old Milwaukee man was wanted in a homicide and police had spotted him in a vehicle and tried to stop him at about 11 p.m. Friday when he fled. When the chase ended downtown, police said, the man got out of his vehicle and "fired several shots at officers." Several officers shot back, killing him, police said.

A video circulating on social media shows at least five police cars chasing a pickup truck before multiple shots are heard. In another video, multiple people can be seen standing on the sidewalk as police cars drive by with lights and sirens, then they scatter as gunshots ring out.

Police have not released the names of the man or the injured bystander, who they say was not involved. Police said the man's firearm was recovered, but they did not release details about what kind of firearm it was.

The eight officers involved have been placed on administrative duty, as is routine in police shootings. The officers range in age from 22 to 47, and have varying levels of experience, ranging from more than three years to more than 12 years with Milwaukee Police Department.

The Oak Creek Police Department is leading the investigation and said Saturday that they had no additional details to release, citing the ongoing investigation. The Milwaukee Police Department referred questions to the medical examiner and to Oak Creek police.

Crash threat over Mississippi skies ends with pilot's arrest

By EMILY WAGSTER PETTUS and NIKKI BOERTMAN Associated Press

RIPLEY, Miss. (AP) — An airport worker who knew how to take off but not land stole a small airplane

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Saturday and threatened to crash it into a Walmart, circling for five hours over unnerved Mississippians before ending the flight safely in a soybean field where police arrested him.

Cory Wayne Patterson, 29, was uninjured after the rough landing shortly after posting a goodbye message to his parents and sister on Facebook, authorities said at a news conference. The message said he "never actually wanted to hurt anyone."

After an anxious morning of watching the plane's meandering path overhead, Tupelo Mayor Todd Jordan called the resolution "the best case scenario."

No one was injured.

Patterson was employed fueling planes at the Tupelo Regional Airport, giving him access to the twin-engine Beechcraft King Air C90A, police Chief John Quaka said.

It was not immediately known why, shortly after 5 a.m., the 10-year Tupelo Aviation employee took off in the fully fueled plane. Fifteen minutes later, Patterson called a Lee County 911 dispatcher to say he planned to crash the plane into a Tupelo Walmart, Quaka said. Officers evacuated people from the Walmart and a nearby convenience store.

"This is more likely a crime of opportunity," said Quaka, adding that the airport's tower is not staffed until 6 a.m.

Police negotiators were able to make contact during the flight and convince Patterson to land, but he didn't know how. He was coached by a private pilot into nearly landing at the Tupelo airport but he aborted the attempt at the last minute and resumed the flight, authorities said.

A negotiator re-established contact around 10 a.m., and learned Patterson had landed in a field and was uninjured, Quaka said. The plane landed near Ripley, Mississippi, about about 85 miles (140 kilometers) southeast of Memphis, Tennessee, and about 45 miles (70 kilometers) northwest of Tupelo.

"There's damage but believe it or not, the aircraft is intact," the chief told reporters.

Patterson, whose Facebook page said he is from Shannon, was charged with grand larceny and making terroristic threats. Quaka said federal authorities also could bring charges. Police said Patterson is not believed to be a licensed pilot but has some flight instruction.

Jordan said Patterson contacted family members during the flight. The mayor said he hopes Patterson "will get the help he needs."

"Sorry everyone. Never wanted to actually hurt anyone. I love my parents and sister this isn't your fault. Goodbye," read Patterson's Facebook message posted at about 9:30 a.m.

Peter Goelz, former managing director at the National Transportation Safety Board, said the vulnerability of small airports, which cater to small planes and corporate jets, has worried security experts for years.

"If you've got a trained pilot who can get in and grab a business jet, you've got a pretty lethal weapon there," he said.

Ripley resident Roxanne Ward told The Associated Press she had been tracking the plane online and went to her father-in-law's house with plans to go into the basement for safety. She said she heard the thud as the plane hit the ground on her father-in-law's property.

She and others got onto four-wheelers to ride over.

"As soon as it crashed, police were there and waiting," said Ward, who watched from a distance. "Police coaxed him out. They yelled at him, 'Arms in the air.'" She said the pilot got out of the plane without resisting police.

Michael Canders, director of the Aviation Center at Farmingdale State College in New York, called the incident "a wake-up call" for general aviation airports and their staff.

The Transportation Security Administration requires annual training emphasizing a "see something, say something" approach to try and prevent a scenario like what police believe occurred in Tupelo — an employee with access to aircraft, Canders said.

"This very thing is discussed in the course, the potential for somebody gaining access and intent on damage," he said. "It's dependent on all of those who work at an airport. If you see someone you don't recognize or some unusual activity, you're supposed to report that."

An online flight tracking service showed the plane's swirling path through the sky early Saturday.

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Leslie Criss, a magazine editor who lives in Tupelo, woke up early and was watching the situation on TV and social media. Several of her friends were outside watching the plane circle overhead.

"I've never seen anything like this in this town," Criss told AP. "It's a scary way to wake up on a Saturday morning."

Goelz said the FAA and Department of Homeland Security would likely examine the incident and issue guidance focused on tightening up security, a potentially costly prospect.

"For an airport like Tupelo, for them to crank up security for Saturday morning at 5 a.m., when their tower doesn't open until 6 — that's expensive," Goelz said. "They're not going to have the funds unless the feds are going to provide it."

The airplane drama unfolded as tens of thousands of college football fans were headed to north Mississippi for Saturday football games at the University of Mississippi in Oxford and Mississippi State University in Starkville. Tupelo is between those two cities.

Jane and Daniel Alsup stood out in their front yard near where the plane landed and watched it circle low over the pine and oak trees.

"He left for a while, then we heard him come back. Just a few seconds later, we heard a big old 'flump' and he landed out in the soybean field," Jane Alsup said.

Daniel Alsup said the plane landed on the other side of some trees, so they did not see it hit the ground. "This was the best place it could have happened," he said of the rural landing site.

Fight over future of library that sparked civil rights ideas

By TRAVIS LOLLER Associated Press

A library where Rosa Parks, John Lewis and other civil rights leaders forged strategies that would change the world is mired in controversy over who gets to tell its story.

On one side are preservationists who want to turn the Highlander Folk School library into a historic site. On the other, political organizers say Highlander never stopped pursuing social justice and should recover the building as a stolen part of its legacy.

Enraged by race-mixing at the Highlander Folk School in the 1950s, Tennessee officials confiscated the property and auctioned it off in pieces in a vain attempt at stifling the civil rights movement. The library is one of the few remaining campus buildings.

But Highlander as an institution never really closed — it just moved locations. It lives on today as the Highlander Research and Education Center, whose leaders are rallying opposition to listing the library in the National Register of Historic Places, saying they were frozen out of the process.

David Currey, a board member at the Tennessee Preservation Trust, has managed the library's restoration since the trust bought the site in 2014, saving it from redevelopment. He said his goal has always been to preserve the site so that visitors can learn about the momentous events that happened there in the first half of the 20th Century. There would be few books or movies if stories could only be told by those directly involved, he said, and "Nobody owns the past."

"It's a myth that they are best suited to tell our history," said Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson, Highlander's first Black co-director. "People who made that history are still alive."

A letter Highlander sent to the historic registry says the Trust is not fit to serve as stewards, stoking racial tension over a place that promoted a shared struggle for interracial harmony.

"Approving the nomination of the Highlander Folk School Library in its current form will allow an elite, white-led institution to coopt and control the historical narrative of a site most significant for its work with Black, multiracial, poor and working-class communities," states the letter, which also accuses trust members of having glorified the Confederacy.

Currey, who is white, frames the issue much differently. He says the trust stepped in to preserve the property when no one else would, and plans to celebrate Highlander's past accomplishments.

"Our cause from the start has been an honorable endeavor to recognize and pay tribute to the history and legacy of the early 20th century's social justice movements in Tennessee, including labor struggles

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and Civil Rights, and its leaders," Currey wrote in an email to the AP.

Founded in the 1930s as a center for union organizing, the school in Monteagle, Tenn., counted first lady Eleanor Roosevelt among its early supporters. Protest music was integral to its work, with Woody Guthrie leading singalongs to inspire future demonstrations, and Pete Seeger workshopping "We Shall Overcome" into an anthem sung by activists ever since.

Highlander's co-founder and longtime leader, Myles Horton, a white man, created a space almost unique in the Jim Crow South, where activists white and Black could build and strengthen alliances.

Parks attended a Highlander workshop a few months before refusing to move to the back of a segregated city bus in Montgomery, Alabama. "It was one of the few times in my life up to that point when I did not feel hostility from white people," she wrote in her autobiography.

Lewis had a similar experience, long before he became a civil rights icon and congressman. Highlander "was the first time in my life that I saw black people and white people not just sitting down together at long tables for shared meals, but also cleaning up together afterward, doing the dishes together, gathering together late into the night in deep discussion," he wrote in a memoir.

The school's success made it a target — labeled communist, investigated by the FBI and raided by the state of Tennessee, which eventually revoked its charter. Original buildings were destroyed. The library was converted to a single-family home.

But Highlander didn't disappear — it just moved three hours northeast to New Market, Tenn., near Knoxville.

"The property was stolen from us because it was bringing Black and white people together to preserve democracy," Henderson said. "The land should be repatriated, back to the Highlander Folk School, which is now the Highlander Research and Education Center."

The trust has spent seven years restoring the library to its original form. Local Grundy County donors contributed most of the funding, but Currey said he's also spent thousands of his own dollars. His vision is to spin off a nonprofit, separate from the trust, that would own and operate the library as both a historic site and community resource, and Highlander could run a program explaining its ongoing justice and education work.

Henderson said she's grateful the trust stepped in when the center couldn't afford to, but she doesn't see the old Folk School as separate from Highlander now, which is celebrating 90 years of organizing with a homecoming later this month. She said the center recently offered to buy the library from the trust, but got no definitive answer.

"If there's going to be a transfer, why wouldn't it be to Highlander?" Co-director Allyn Maxfield-Steele asked. If Highlander controlled the building, it would develop a plan for its use together with "folks on the ground in Grundy County," he said.

Currey still hopes the trust and center can work together to promote the legacy of a building both organizations see as incredibly important.

Getting listed in the National Registry would open up new sources of funding in a state that doesn't provide tax incentives for historic preservation, Currey said. He worries that the controversy over Highlander will make preservationists less likely to take on a similar project in the future.

"It's already so difficult in Tennessee to save some of our historic resources," Currey said. "This may be one of the most high-profile civil rights sites — as John Lewis told me — in the nation."

Attack raises doubts about Argentine VP's security protocols

By DÉBORA REY Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Every day for the past two weeks, the routine was the same: Argentina's powerful Vice President Cristina Fernández was met by a crowd of feverish supporters who wanted to touch their leader. And every day she obliged and approached them.

But on Thursday the routine pressing of the flesh took a sinister turn when a man in the sea of supporters pointed a handgun inches from the vice president's face and pulled the trigger with a distinct click.

The loaded .38-caliber semiautomatic weapon evidently jammed, and the suspect was arrested. Now

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the apparent assassination attempt is raising questions about whether the most influential woman in Argentine politics for the past two decades should change her relationship with the many loyal followers who constantly seek a handshake or autograph.

"Cristina was cornered," said Silvana Venegas, a 43-year-old woman who witnessed the event. "She was easy prey, very easy."

For a few minutes afterward, Fernández continued signing autographs and waving. Her security detail seized the gunman but did not remove her from the area.

Argentina media have reported that Fernández told the investigating judge she was unaware a gun had been pointed at her until she got inside her apartment. She also confirmed speculation that when she appeared to duck, she was actually crouching to pick up a book that had fallen to the ground.

Jorge Vidal, a public security expert who used to work for the Buenos Aires city government, said the security response to the incident was "far from being a professional performance."

While security teams must do as they are told by those they guard, he said, "politicians must understand that not all the hands that are stretched out to touch or greet them are to caress or shake."

No politician awakens more passion in Argentina than Fernández, 69, who is revered by some for her left-leaning social welfare policies and reviled by others as corrupt and power-hungry, and she has long derived political strength from her closeness to the crowds that venerate her.

Supporters compare her to Eva Perón, the wife of Juan Domingo Perón, a military officer elected president in 1946. As First Lady, Perón espoused women's rights and was known as a benefactor of the poor. After her early death in 1952, she became enshrined in Argentina's national mythology.

Outpourings of devotion to Fernández have intensified recently after a prosecutor sought to send her to prison for 12 years over corruption allegations involving public works while she was president from 2007 to 2015.

Fernández and her backers say the case is an act of political revenge, and the front of her apartment building in the downtown Buenos Aires neighborhood of Recoleta has become a sanctuary for hundreds of followers outraged by the accusations against her.

As she left and returned each day, she clasped the hands of men and women who shouted "Cristina, I love you!" She also signed dozens of copies of her political autobiography, titled "Sinceramente," or Spanish for "sincerely."

A young man who was in the crowd Thursday night said he was right in front of Fernández when the handgun emerged.

"I tell Cristina that I loved her, and she caresses me. I see an arm sticking out ... with a gun," the man, who was identified only as Javier for security reasons, told reporters Friday after giving his account to the investigating judge.

The only previous incident occurred last Saturday, when tension developed between Fernández followers and police who sought to remove them due to neighbors' complaints.

The vice president complained about the treatment of her supporters and accused Buenos Aires Mayor Horacio Rodríguez Larreta of keeping her under siege, and security around the building was soon relaxed.

"We noticed that there were fewer police officers. I saw two from the federal (police). It was full of people," Venegas said.

Javier, the young witness, declared in court that he and other supporters detained the suspect, not the police.

"I grab him, and also others," he said.

The vice president has not spoken publicly since the incident. Some friends and political allies have been able to see her.

"Cristina is shocked, shocked," said Sen. Oscar Parrilli, who is close to the vice president. "She is fine, luckily, because she has her spirit and her temper intact."

The attempted shooting shook Argentina, a country that has a history of political violence but has not seen a similar attack since democracy was restored in 1983 after years of dictatorship.

President Alberto Fernández, who is not related to the vice president, has said that the weapon was

loaded with five bullets and that for "a reason not yet technically confirmed, it was not fired."

The suspect has been identified as Fernando André Sabag Montiel, a 35-year-old street vendor from Brazil who has lived in Argentina since 1998 and has no prior criminal record. He was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder. Authorities have shed no light on a possible motive and are investigating whether the gunman acted alone or as part of a larger plot.

The day after the incident, Fernandez' supporters demonstrated throughout the country under the slogan "Everybody with Cristina."

Buenos Aires' central Plaza de Mayo filled with people of all ages brandishing handwritten signs with messages such as "Always with Cristina, the people do not forget" and "Cristina is of the people and no one touches her."

At her home, meanwhile, dozens of federal agents stood guard.

Fernández emerged and approached a group of supporters to greet them, then got into a car to go to an unknown destination.

Ukraine's nuclear plant partly goes offline amid fighting

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ZAPORIZHZHIA, Ukraine (AP) — The head of the U.N. nuclear watchdog said Saturday that the Russian-controlled Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant in Ukraine was disconnected to its last external power line but was still able to run electricity through a reserve line amid sustained shelling in the area.

International Atomic Energy Agency Director-General Rafael Grossi said in a statement that the agency's experts, who arrived at Zaporizhzhia on Thursday, were told by senior Ukrainian staff that the fourth and last operational line was down. The three others were lost earlier during the conflict.

But the IAEA experts learned that the reserve line linking the facility to a nearby thermal power plant was delivering the electricity the plant generates to the external grid, the statement said. The same reserve line can also provide backup power to the plant if needed, it added.

"We already have a better understanding of the functionality of the reserve power line in connecting the facility to the grid," Grossi said. "This is crucial information in assessing the overall situation there."

In addition, the plant's management informed the IAEA that one reactor was disconnected Saturday afternoon because of grid restrictions. Another reactor is still operating and producing electricity both for cooling and other essential safety functions at the site and for households, factories and others through the grid, the statement said.

The Zaporizhzhia facility, which is Europe's largest nuclear plant, has been held by Russian forces since early March, but its Ukrainian staff are continuing to operate it.

The Russian-appointed city administration in Enerhodar, where the Zaporizhzhia plant is located, blamed an alleged Ukrainian shelling attack on Saturday morning for destroying a key power line.

"The provision of electricity to the territories controlled by Ukraine has been suspended due to technical difficulties," the municipal administration said in a post on its official Telegram channel. It wasn't clear whether electricity from the plant was still reaching Russian-held areas.

Vladimir Rogov, a member of the Kremlin-appointed regional administration said on Telegram that a shell had struck an area between two reactors. His claims couldn't be immediately verified.

Over the past several weeks, Ukraine and Russia have traded blame over shelling at and near the plant, while also accusing each other of attempts to derail the visit by IAEA experts, whose mission is meant to help secure the site. Grossi said their presence at the site is "a game changer."

Russia's Defense Ministry said that Ukrainian troops launched another attempt to seize the plant late Friday, despite the presence of the IAEA monitors, sending 42 boats with 250 special forces personnel and foreign "mercenaries" to attempt a landing on the bank of the nearby Kakhovka reservoir.

The ministry said that four Russian fighter jets and two helicopter gunships destroyed about 20 boats and the others turned back. It added that the Russian artillery struck the Ukrainian-controlled right bank of the Dnieper River to target the retreating landing party.

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The ministry claimed that the Russian military killed 47 troops, including 10 “mercenaries” and wounded 23. The Russian claims couldn’t be independently verified.

The plant has repeatedly suffered complete disconnection from Ukraine’s power grid since last week, with the country’s nuclear energy operator Enerhoatom blaming mortar shelling and fires near the site.

Local Ukrainian authorities accused Moscow of pounding two cities that overlook the plant across the Dnieper river with rockets, also an accusation they have made repeatedly over the past weeks.

In Zorya, a small village about 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Zaporizhzhia plant, residents on Friday could hear the sound of explosions in the area.

It’s not the shelling that scared them the most, but the risk of a radioactive leak in the plant.

“The power plant, yes, this is the scariest,” said Natalia Stokoz, a mother of three. “Because the kids and adults will be affected, and it’s scary if the nuclear power plant is blown up.”

Oleksandr Pasko, a 31-year-old farmer, said “there is anxiety because we are quite close.” Pasko said that the Russian shelling has intensified in recent weeks.

During the first weeks of the war, authorities gave iodine tablets and masks to people living near the plant in case of radiation exposure.

Recently, they’ve also distributed iodine pills in Zaporizhzhia city, about 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the plant.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan offered to take the role of “facilitator” on the issue of the Zaporizhzhia plant, in a phone call with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday, according to a statement from the Turkish presidency.

The Ukrainian military on Saturday morning reported that Russian forces overnight pressed their stalled advance in the country’s industrial east, while also trying to hold on to areas captured in Ukraine’s north-east and south, including in the Kherson region cited as the target of Kyiv’s recent counteroffensive.

It added that Ukrainian forces repelled around a half-dozen Russian attacks across the Donetsk region, including near two cities singled out as key targets of Moscow’s grinding effort to capture the rest of the province. The Donetsk region is one of two that make up Ukraine’s industrial heartland of the Donbas, alongside Luhansk, which was overrun by Russian troops in early July.

Separately, the British military confirmed in its regular update Saturday morning that Ukrainian forces were conducting “renewed offensive operations” in the south of Ukraine, advancing along a broad front west of the Dnieper and focusing on three axes within the Russian-occupied Kherson region.

“The operation has limited immediate objectives, but Ukraine’s forces have likely achieved a degree of tactical surprise; exploiting poor logistics, administration and leadership in the Russian armed forces,” the U.K. defense ministry tweeted.

Russian shelling killed an 8-year-old child and wounded at least four others in a southern Ukrainian town close to the Kherson region, Ukrainian officials said.

Uvalde children grapple with trauma after school massacre

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UVALDE, Texas (AP) — One girl runs and hides when she sees thin people with long hair similar to the gunman who stormed into her Uvalde school and killed 21 people. One boy stopped making friends and playing with animals. A third child feels her heart race when she’s reminded of the May 24 massacre that killed a close friend — once at such a dangerous pace that she had to be rushed to a hospital, where she stayed for weeks.

The 11-year-old girl has been diagnosed with anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. She and her family spoke to The Associated Press on condition her name not be used to protect her identity.

“I never lost someone before,” she said, adding that her friend who was among the 19 students and two teachers killed in the United States’ deadliest school massacre in a decade would encourage her through hard times. “She was a very strong person.”

As students get ready to return to school in Uvalde on Tuesday for the first time since the massacre at

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Robb Elementary, PTSD symptoms are starting to show. Parents are finding themselves unable to help, and experts worry because communities of color such as the largely Hispanic city of Uvalde face disparities in access mental health care. For low-income families, it can be even harder, as access to limited resources requires long waits for referrals through medical assistance programs such as Medicaid.

"It's hard hearing what these kids are going through at such a young age," said Yuri Castro, a mother of two boys in Uvalde, whose cousin was killed in the shooting and whose sons were once taught by the two slain teachers. Castro knows of children so traumatized they have stopped speaking.

School shootings dramatically upend survivors' lives. For some, symptoms linger for years and high-quality treatment can be difficult to find.

In recent years, Texas lawmakers have focused on spending money on mental health services, devoting more than \$2.5 billion during the current fiscal year.

But according to the 11-year-old girl's family — lifelong residents of Uvalde — the only mental health center in the area — just blocks from Robb Elementary — was seldom used or discussed, raising worries about the lack of awareness regarding signs and symptoms of mental illness and the stigma surrounding seeking help.

The mother of the 11-year-old girl whose racing heart led to her hospitalization says open conversations about mental health were previously taboo in the heavily Latino community, where culturally, mental health is brushed off as feeling lazy, bored or throwing a tantrum.

"I remember growing up it was like, 'Go over there, you are just being chiflada,'" the mother said, using a Spanish word that means "acting spoiled."

Now, she said, the town is waking up to the reality of mental health even as some people still ask why survivors like her daughter need help.

Members of the community have been supporting one another by checking in with extended family and friends and taking advantage of community resources that have been set up, including counseling by the Red Cross and emotional support from the churches. The parents of one of the children who was killed started an organization that will be putting together wilderness retreats for victims' families and survivors. Residents also have social media groups where they can share mental health resources and express their grief.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commission contracted with organizations to create a mental health hotline that in six weeks responded to nearly 400 calls.

Martha Rodriguez, who coordinated efforts to help students recover after the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, said officials need to visit the community to make sure the right resources are available. She said addressing stigmas and sending providers who understand the families' language and values are key.

"Some families may not feel comfortable sharing distress and needs," she said.

Many families impacted by the shooting are Roman Catholic. The mother of a girl who survived the attack said her daughter has only been able to open up to a priest in Houston — 280 miles (450 kilometers) away — whom the family goes to see when they visit relatives.

"This is going to be a long journey. This is not going to be something that we can just do some work and fix it," said San Antonio Archbishop Gustavo García-Siller.

Julie Kaplow, director of the trauma and grief centers at the Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Hospital New Orleans, said many students who survived the May 2018 Santa Fe High School shooting that killed 10 in suburban Houston did not exhibit symptoms for six months.

"I am anticipating that we will see some similarities," said Kaplow, who has been training clinicians and others who are treating families in Uvalde. "Part of the reason is those symptoms haven't manifested yet and will start to manifest when they are reminded of the event itself. Or the caregiver starts to recognize, 'Wait a minute my child is still not eating, is still not sleeping.'"

The length of treatment varies depending on the severity of symptoms. For some, it can last up to two to three years.

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Melissa Brymer, director of terrorism and disaster programs at the UCLA-Duke National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, was the lead adviser to public schools in Newtown, Connecticut, after the massacre at Sandy Hook Elementary in 2012. She said officials need to make sure that families can get services at school. They also need to create spaces that feel friendlier, such as community meals, rather than clinics.

Parents of the incoming fifth-grader who is struggling with symptoms chose to home-school her this year so she can continue going to appointments more easily. She is also getting a service dog who will alert her if her heart rate rises.

But she worries about her brothers returning to the classroom and gets anxious thinking others will judge her because of how she has been affected by the massacre when she wasn't shot, her mother said. She is awakened daily by night terrors.

"We don't sleep. ... We don't even know what that is anymore since this has happened," the mother said. "I am going to have to deal with that for however long it takes for her to heal."

No longer young, 'dreamers' uneasily watch a legal challenge

By AMANCAI BIRABEN and ADRIAN SAINZ Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — When Juliana Macedo do Nascimento signed up for an Obama-era program to shield immigrants who came to the country as young children from deportation, she enrolled at California State University, Los Angeles, transitioning from jobs in housekeeping, child care, auto repair and a construction company.

Now, a decade later at age 36, graduate studies at Princeton University are behind her and she works in Washington as deputy director of advocacy for United We Dream, a national group.

"Dreamers" like Macedo do Nascimento, long a symbol of immigrant youth, are increasingly easing into middle age as eligibility requirements have been frozen since 2012, when the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program was introduced.

The oldest recipients were in their early 30s when DACA began and are in their early 40s today. At the same time, fewer people turning 16 can meet a requirement to have been in the United States continuously since June 2007.

The average age of a DACA recipient was 28.2 years in March, up from 23.8 in September 2017, according to the Migration Policy Institute. About 40% are 30 or older, according to fwd.us, a group that supports DACA.

As fewer are eligible and new enrollments have been closed since July 2021 under court order, the number of DACA recipients fell to just above 600,000 at the end of March, according to government figures.

Beneficiaries have become homeowners and married. Many have U.S. citizen children.

"DACA is not for young people," Macedo do Nascimento said. "They're not even eligible for it anymore. We are well into middle age."

Born out of President Barack Obama's frustration with Congress' failure to reach an agreement on immigration reform, DACA was meant to be a temporary solution and many saw it as imperfect from the start. Immigration advocates were disappointed the policy didn't include a pathway to citizenship and warned the program's need to be renewed every two years would leave many feeling in limbo. Opponents, including many Republicans, saw the policy a legal overreach on Obama's part and criticized it as rewarding people who hadn't followed immigration law.

In a move intended to insulate DACA from legal challenge, the Biden administration released a 453-page rule on Aug. 24 that sticks closely to DACA as it was introduced in 2012. It codified DACA as a regulation by subjecting it to potential changes after extensive public comment.

DACA advocates welcomed the regulation but were disappointed that age eligibility was unchanged.

The rule was "a missed opportunity," said Karen Tumlin, an attorney and director of Justice Action Center. DACA, she said, was "locked in time, like a fossil preserved in amber."

The administration weighed expanding age eligibility but decided against it, said Ur Jaddou, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which administers the program.

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"The president told us, 'How do we preserve and fortify DACA? How do we ensure the security of the program and how best to do that?' and this was the determination that was made after a lot of thought and careful consideration," Jaddou said Monday in Los Angeles.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which is considering a challenge to DACA from Texas and eight other states, asked both sides to explain how the new rule affects the program's legal standing.

Texas, in a court filing Thursday, said the rule can't save DACA. The states conceded that it's similar to the 2012 memo that created the program but that they "share many of the same defects."

The executive branch has "neither the authority to decide the major questions that DACA addresses, nor the power to confer substantive immigration benefits," the states wrote.

The Justice Department argued the new rule — "substantively identical" to the original program — renders moot the argument that the administration failed to follow federal rule-making procedures.

DACA has been closed to new enrollees since July 2021 while the case winds its way through the New Orleans-based appeals court but two-year renewals are allowed.

Uncertainty surrounding DACA has caused anxiety and frustration among aging recipients.

Pamela Chomba, 32, arrived with her family from Peru at age 11 and settled in New Jersey. She worries about losing her job and missing mortgage payments if DACA is ruled illegal. She put off becoming a mother because she doesn't know if she can stay in the U.S. and doesn't want to be a "burden" on her children.

"We're people with lives and plans, and we really just want to make sure that we can feel safe," said Chomba, director of state immigration campaigns for fwd.us.

Macedo do Nascimento was 14 when she arrived with her family from Brazil in 2001. She has not seen a brother who returned to Brazil just before DACA was announced in 10 years. International travel under DACA is highly restricted.

Like Biden and many DACA advocates, she believes legislation is the answer.

"Congress is the ultimate solution here," she said. "(Both parties) keep passing the ball between each other.

The uncertainty has affected her, the eldest of three siblings.

"The fear of being deported has come back," Macedo do Nascimento said, because "you never know when this policy is going to end."

Gorbachev buried in Moscow in funeral snubbed by Putin

By JIM HEINTZ and VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Russians who came for a last look at former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev on Saturday mourned both the man and his policies that gave them hope. President Vladimir Putin claimed to be too busy to attend.

Gorbachev, who died Tuesday at age 91, launched drastic reforms that helped end the Cold War. But he also precipitated the breakup of the Soviet Union, which Putin had called the 20th century's "greatest geopolitical catastrophe."

The farewell viewing of his body in an ostentatious hall near the Kremlin was shadowed by the awareness that the openness Gorbachev championed has been stifled under Putin.

"I want to thank him for my childhood of freedom, which we don't have today," said mourner Ilya, a financial services worker in his early 30s who declined to give his last name.

"I am a son of perestroika," he said, using the Russian word for Gorbachev's reform, or reconstruction, initiatives.

"I'd like us to have more people like him in our history," said another mourner, Yulia Prividennaya. "We need such politicians to settle the situation in the world when it's on the verge of World War III."

After the viewing, Gorbachev's body was buried next to his wife Raisa in Novodevichy cemetery, where many prominent Russians lie, including the post-Soviet country's first president, Boris Yeltsin, whose struggle for power with Gorbachev sped up the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The procession that carried the coffin into the cemetery was led by Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dmitry

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Muratov, editor of the Novaya Gazeta newspaper, Russia's last major Kremlin-critical news outlet before it suspended operations in March. Gorbachev used funds from his own Nobel prize to help start the paper.

The Kremlin refusal to formally declare a state funeral reflected its uneasiness about the legacy of Gorbachev, who has been venerated worldwide for bringing down the Iron Curtain but reviled by many at home for the Soviet collapse and the ensuing economic meltdown that plunged millions into poverty.

On Thursday, Putin privately laid flowers at Gorbachev's coffin at a Moscow hospital where he died. The Kremlin said the president's busy schedule would prevent him from attending the funeral.

Asked what specific business would keep Putin busy on Saturday, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters that the president was scheduled to have a series of working meetings, an international phone call and needs to prepare for a business forum in Russia's Far East that he's due to attend next week.

Gorbachev's body was displayed for public viewing at the Pillar Hall of the House of the Unions, an opulent 18th-century mansion near the Kremlin that has served as the venue for state funerals since Soviet times.

Mourners passed by Gorbachev's open casket flanked by honorary guards, laying flowers as solemn music played. Gorbachev's daughter, Irina, and his two granddaughters sat beside the coffin.

The grand, chandeliered hall lined by columns hosted balls for the nobility under the czars and served as a venue for high-level meetings and congresses along with state funerals during Soviet times. Upon entering the building, mourners saw honor guards flanking a large photo of Gorbachev standing with a broad smile, a reminder of the cheerful vigor he brought to the Soviet leadership after a series of dour, ailing predecessors.

The turnout was large enough that the viewing was extended for two more hours beyond the stated two hours.

Despite the choice of the prestigious site for the farewell ceremony, the Kremlin stopped short of calling it a state funeral, with Peskov saying the ceremony will have "elements" of one, such as honorary guards, and the government's assistance in organizing it. He wouldn't describe how it will differ from a full-fledged state funeral.

Saturday's ceremony had all the trappings befitting a state funeral except the name, including the national flag draping Gorbachev's coffin, with goose-stepping guards firing shots in the air and a small band playing the Russian anthem, which uses the same melody as the Soviet anthem.

But officially declaring a state funeral for Gorbachev would have obliged Putin to attend it and would have required Moscow to invite foreign leaders, something that it was apparently reluctant to do amid soaring tensions with the West after Russia sent troops to Ukraine.

Dmitry Medvedev, the deputy head of Russia's Security Council chaired by Putin who served as Russia's president in 2008-2012, showed up at the farewell ceremony. He then released a post on a messaging app channel, referring to the 1991 collapse of the Soviet Union and accusing the U.S. and its allies of trying to engineer Russia's breakup, a policy he described as a "chess game with Death."

Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban, who often has been critical of the Western sanctions against Russia, was the only foreign leader who attended the farewell on Saturday. The U.S., British, German and other Western ambassadors also attended.

The relatively modest ceremony contrasted with a lavish 2007 state funeral given to Yeltsin, who anointed Putin as his preferred successor and set the stage for him to win the presidency by stepping down.

Grigory Yavlinsky, the leader of the liberal Yabloko party who worked on economic reform plans under Gorbachev, hailed him for "offering people an opportunity to say what they thought – something that Russia never had before."

Putin has avoided explicit personal criticism of Gorbachev, but has repeatedly blamed him for failing to secure written commitments from the West that would rule out NATO's expansion eastward. The issue has marred Russia-West relations for decades and fomented tensions that exploded when the Russian leader sent troops into Ukraine on Feb. 24.

In a carefully phrased letter of condolence released Wednesday avoiding explicit praise or criticism, Putin described Gorbachev as a man who left "an enormous impact on the course of world history."

"He led the country during difficult and dramatic changes, amid large-scale foreign policy, economic and society challenges," Putin said. "He deeply realized that reforms were necessary and tried to offer his solutions for the acute problems."

The Kremlin's ambivalence about Gorbachev was reflected in state television broadcasts, which described his worldwide acclaim and grand expectations generated by his reforms, but held him responsible for plunging the country into political turmoil and economic woes and failing to properly defend the country's interests in talks with the West.

Kansas governor lauds abortion vote but focuses on economy

By JOHN HANNA AP Political Writer

TOPEKA, Kan. (AP) — Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly wasted little time after a decisive victory in Kansas for abortion rights before sending out a national fundraising email warning that access to the procedure would be "on the chopping block" if her party did not win in the November elections.

But her message to voters at large as she heads into the fall campaign is dramatically different, even as Democrats in other states stress abortion access as an issue.

A few days after her abortion-related fundraising email, Kelly's team suggested she would be focusing her reelection campaign on the state's now-healthy finances, robust funding for public schools and high-profile promises by businesses to create jobs.

Democrats are split over whether it's the best strategy in a tough race against Republican Derek Schmidt, the three-term state attorney general. Kelly still has to win over some independents and moderate Republicans in her solidly red state, and although abortion access can attract centrist voters and drive turnout, it's the economy — and the pinch at the grocery store from inflation — that remains a big concern for them.

"She needs to pull people from all kinds of areas," said Joan Wagnon, a former Topeka mayor, state lawmaker and Kansas Democratic Party chair. While Kelly can use abortion as an issue to her advantage, Wagnon said, "I don't think it's the centerpiece of her campaign."

Voters on Aug. 2 overwhelmingly rejected a proposed amendment to the Kansas Constitution that would have removed protections for abortion rights. It was the first state referendum on abortion after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June.

Kelly's approach heading into the general election contrasts with how Democratic Govs. Tony Evers in Wisconsin and Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan have made support for abortion rights central to their reelection campaigns. In Ohio, Democratic nominee Nan Whaley is stressing the issue in her race against anti-abortion Republican Gov. Mike DeWine.

Some Democrats think Kelly is missing an opportunity if she doesn't follow suit.

"The only way you inspire young voters, which is who Laura Kelly needs, is to make them feel like you understand the issues that they care about right now," said Christopher Reeves, a suburban Kansas City activist, consultant and former Democratic National Committee member. "And the issue that they care about, especially young women voters, is abortion."

In winning her first term in 2018 by about 5 percentage points, Kelly wooed independent and moderate Republican voters by pitching herself as a commonsense, bipartisan leader.

But she also was running in a good year for Democrats — they regained a U.S. House majority — and against conservative Kris Kobach, who advocated for tough immigration policies as a major supporter of then-President Donald Trump.

Kelly's stance on abortion rights brought Stephan Simmons, a 25-year-old higher education recruiter, firmly into her camp for November. Once a conservative Republican turned unaffiliated voter, he became a Democrat shortly before the Aug. 2 election.

He made sure he returned to Kansas City from a business trip in time to drive to his hometown of Wichita to vote in person. Along the way, he picked up a friend, Hunter Picard, so that Picard could vote in Rose Hill, southeast of Wichita. Picard, a 25-year-old chemist working in Lawrence, is unaffiliated.

Both said they thought of their sisters before voting against the proposed amendment. But Picard said

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he hasn't decided how he will vote in the governor's race in November.

Mandi Hunter, a 46-year-old real estate attorney from the Kansas City suburb of Leawood, is a self-described GOP moderate who voted against the proposed constitutional amendment. She, too, said she is undecided about her vote in November, though she noted that there will be more than just abortion on the ballot.

"They can't ignore the other issues," Hunter said.

Some Republicans believe voters will remain far more focused on the economy than abortion. Kelly is campaigning as if she agrees, staging a "Prosperity on the Plains" tour to promote her administration's business development efforts.

Kelly campaign spokesperson, Madison Andrus, pivoted to economic and education issues when asked for more details about the governor's position on abortion. The campaign would not say whether Kelly wants more abortion access than what is allowed now, with the state banning most abortions at the 22nd week of pregnancy and imposing other requirements such as a 24-hour waiting period.

Kelly's staff didn't make the governor available to discuss her campaign but provided a statement on her behalf to The Associated Press.

"The August 2 vote shows that Kansans want their government focused on things like the economy and schools — and not intervening in private medical decisions. Now that voters have spoken clearly, Governor Kelly will remain focused on bringing both parties together to get results — a balanced budget, cutting taxes, fully funding schools, and attracting new businesses to the state," said campaign spokesperson Lauren Fitzgerald.

Schmidt, who backed the proposed constitutional change, said in a postelection statement that he has never "advocated for a ban" on abortion. He said he supports allowing abortions to save a woman's life, in cases of rape and incest and when a fetus has a condition "that makes it impossible to survive outside the womb."

On Thursday, Schmidt said the outcome of the referendum has to be "respected" and that if elected governor, he would focus on enforcing abortion laws already on the books.

Some political operatives and pollsters argue for reading the Kansas vote narrowly, as opposition to a ban or a near-total ban rather than unconditional support for abortion in any circumstance.

An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll in July found that while a majority of people in the United States wanted Congress to pass a law guaranteeing access to abortion nationwide, only one-third said a state generally should allow abortions at 24 weeks. A little more than half would allow abortions at 15 weeks.

Charles Franklin, director of Marquette University's Law School Poll, said Democrats should be running against severe abortion restrictions. "The challenge is," he said, "how do you do that without seeming to be for unlimited abortion rights?"

Pat McPherron, a GOP pollster from Oklahoma City who works for U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kan., said he expects abortion to fade as an issue.

"It's one that voters think has been asked and answered," he said. "Voters move on."

Abortion rights supporters acknowledged that they're still trying to figure out how to keep their voters energized until November.

"Frankly, it's our job to make sure they don't move on," said Susan Osborne, one of the leaders of Women for Kansas, a nonpartisan advocacy group that opposed the proposed amendment. "This was the beginning of the journey for us."

17 states weigh adopting California's electric car mandate

By STEVE KARNOWSKI Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Seventeen states with vehicle emission standards tied to rules established in California face weighty decisions on whether to follow that state's strictest-in-the-nation new rules that require all new cars, pickups and SUVs to be electric or hydrogen powered by 2035.

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Under the Clean Air Act, states must abide by the federal government's standard vehicle emissions standards unless they at least partially opt to follow California's stricter requirements.

Among them, Washington, Massachusetts, New York, Oregon and Vermont are expected to adopt California's ban on new gasoline-fueled vehicles. Colorado and Pennsylvania are among the states that probably won't. The legal ground is a bit murkier in Minnesota, where the state's "Clean Cars" rule has been a political minefield and the subject of a legal fight. Meanwhile, Republicans are rebelling in Virginia.

The Minnesota Auto Dealers Association says its reading of state and federal law is that the new California rules kick in automatically in the state, and it's making that case in court as it tries to block them.

"The technology is such that the vehicles just don't perform that well in cold weather," said Scott Lambert, the trade group's president. "We don't all live in southern California."

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency officials say the state would have to launch an entirely new rulemaking process to adopt California's changes. And in court filings and legislative hearings, they've said they are not planning to do that now.

"We are not California. Minnesota has its own plan," Gov. Tim Walz said in a statement. He called Minnesota's program "a smart way to increase, rather than decrease, options for consumers. Our priority is to lower costs and increase choices so Minnesotans can drive whatever vehicle suits them."

Oregon regulators are taking public comments through Sept. 7 on whether to adopt the new California standards. Colorado regulators, who adopted California's older rules, won't follow California's new ones, the administration of Democratic Gov. Jared Polis said.

"While the governor shares the goal of rapidly moving towards electric vehicles, he is skeptical about requiring 100% of cars sold to be electric by a certain date as technology is rapidly changing," the Colorado Energy Office said in a statement.

Regulators in Pennsylvania, which only partially adopted California's older standards, said they won't automatically follow its new rules. Under Democratic Governor Tom Wolf, Pennsylvania started the regulatory process last year to fully conform with California's rules, but abandoned it.

Virginia had been on a path to adopting California's rules under legislation that passed last year when Democrats were in full control of Virginia's government. But Republicans who control the House of Delegates and GOP Gov. Glenn Youngkin say they'll push to unlink their state.

Minnesota's auto dealers are trying to make their state's current rules — and the possibility that they could tighten to incorporate California's new restrictions — an issue for the fall elections. Control of the Legislature and governor's office are up for grabs, and the dealers hope to persuade the 2023 Legislature to roll back the regulations unless they win in court first, Lambert said.

The MPCA, with Walz's support, adopted California's existing standards through administrative rulemaking last year amid a bitter fight with Republican lawmakers who were upset that the Legislature was cut out of the decision. Legislators even tried unsuccessfully to withhold funding from Minnesota's environmental agencies. One casualty was Laura Bishop, who resigned as MPCA commissioner after it became apparent that she lacked the votes in the GOP-controlled Senate to win confirmation.

Walz and his administration have framed Minnesota's Clean Cars rule as a fairly painless way to increase the availability of electric vehicles and help the state meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals. The rule seeks to increase the offerings of battery-powered and hybrid vehicles starting with the 2025 model year by requiring manufacturers to comply with California standards currently in force for low- and zero-emission vehicles.

Lambert said the state's auto dealers don't oppose electric vehicles. They currently make up 2.3% of new vehicle sales in Minnesota and he expects consumer interest to continue to grow. But the reduced range of battery-powered vehicles in cold weather makes them less attractive in northern tier states, he said. Minnesota's rules already threaten to saddle dealers with more electric vehicles than their customers will buy, he said, and adopting the California ban would make things worse.

Under federal law, by Lambert's reading, states have to either adopt California's rules in full or follow less stringent federal emission standards. He said they can't pick and choose from parts of each. And that effectively means there's a "ban on the books" in Minnesota for sales of new conventionally fueled

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vehicles starting with the 2035 model year, he said.

Lambert's association was already fighting Minnesota's existing Clean Car rules in the Minnesota Court of Appeals, and its petition foresaw that California would make the changes it announced late last month. A key issue is whether "any future amendments to the incorporated California regulations automatically become part of Minnesota rules," as the dealers argue.

The MPCA's attorneys assert that they don't, and have asked the court to dismiss the challenge. MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler has made similar arguments for months, including before a skeptical state Senate committee last March.

Aaron Klemz, chief strategy officer for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, which will be filing its own arguments against the dealers in court, acknowledged that the legal landscape is confusing. And he said it's not clear whether his group will eventually call for Minnesota to follow California's new ban.

"We haven't done enough analysis of the California rule to know if we're going to push for its adoption in Minnesota," Klemz said. He noted that other issues are coming into play, including incentives for electric vehicles in the Inflation Reduction Act that President Joe Biden recently signed, and the stated intentions by some of the major automakers to go all-electric.

How Archives went from 'National Treasure' to political prey

By FARNOUSH AMIRI Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — It was the setting for "National Treasure," the movie in which Nicolas Cage's character tries to steal the Declaration of Independence. It has long been among the most trafficked tourist destinations in the nation's capital.

But what the National Archives and Records Administration has never been — until now — is the locus of a criminal investigation of a former president.

Yet that's exactly where the agency finds itself after sending a referral to the FBI stating that 15 boxes recovered from former President Donald Trump's Florida home in January contained dozens of documents with classified markings.

"I don't think Donald Trump has politicized the National Archives," said Tim Naftali, the first director of the Richard Nixon Presidential Library and Museum. "I think what Donald Trump did was cross red lines that civil servants had to respond to."

Those government workers operate out of the public eye, behind the marble façade of the Archives building in downtown Washington. It's there, beyond the Hollywood plotlines, where a crucial component of the federal bureaucracy resides, with dozens of employees acting as the custodians of American history, preserving records that range from the mundane to the monumental.

A closer look at the National Archives, its history and how it ended up in the middle of a political maelstrom:
A MASSIVE COLLECTION

The mission of the National Archives, which was founded by Congress in 1934, sounds straightforward: to be the nation's record-keeper. It's a daunting task that has only grown more complex over time.

While the Archives safeguards precious national documents such as the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, that's only the public face of their sprawling collection, which spans 13 billion pages of text and 10 million maps, charts and drawings, as well as tens of millions of photographs, films and other records.

In addition to its work in Washington, the Archives oversees 13 presidential libraries and 14 regional archives across the country.

ARCHIVIST FOR A NATION

The Archivist of the United States is responsible for running the agency. The last-Senate confirmed leader was David Ferriero, who stepped down in April after serving 12 years under three presidents.

Ferriero recalled in an April interview with The Washington Post how he watched from the windows of the Archives building on Jan. 6, 2021, as the crowd of Trump supporters marched past on their way to

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breach the Capitol. He called it the worst day of his life.

More than a year later he decided to retire, in part, because of fears about the nation's political trajectory.

"It's important to me, that this administration replace me," he told the Post. "I'm concerned about what's going to happen in 2024. I don't want it left to ... the unknowns of the presidential election."

His deputy, Debra Steidel Wall, is serving as the acting archivist while President Joe Biden's nominee, Colleen Joy Shogan, awaits a Senate confirmation process this fall. The archivist serves in the role until deciding to retire.

'NO SUCH THINGS AS MEMENTOS'

The Archives serves as the final resting spot for the work of every White House.

After the Watergate scandal and Nixon's resignation, Congress passed a law in 1978 to ensure that all presidential records — written, electronic material created by the president, the vice president, or any other member of the executive branch in an official capacity — are preserved and turned over to the Archives at the end of an administration. The law states that a president's records are not his or her own, but are the property of the federal government and must be treated as such.

When a new administration begins, White House staff receive a brochure on the law and step-by-step instructions on how to preserve records. The preservation requirements cover a wide range of items, including presents and letters from foreign leaders. "There are no such things as mementos," said Lee White, the executive director of the National Coalition for History.

In addition, the law requires that even while in office, the president or any member of that administration must first seek the advice of the archivist before destroying any record, a practice Trump and his aides reportedly ignored throughout his four years in office.

"Everything he writes down is essentially a presidential record. It's not his property," White said. "It is so basic to the whole concept of why the Presidential Records Act was created."

"At noon on Inauguration Day, the custody transfers to the archivist. Period. There is no maybe. It's the law," he added.

AN UNPRECEDENTED DECISION

The rules of the Presidential Records Act are central to the FBI's investigation of Trump.

After Trump left office, the Archives discovered that records from his White House were missing. What followed was a yearlong back-and-forth between the Archives' legal counsel and Trump's lawyers that resulted in the voluntary return of 15 boxes of presidential records. Upon opening the boxes, the agency discovered that 14 of them contained classified documents and information.

Recognizing a potential crime, the agency made the unprecedented decision to refer the matter to the Justice Department. That move culminated in the search of Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in August. FBI agents recovered more than 100 classified records, including some that were stashed in the former president's office among personal items.

Since the Aug. 8 search, the Archives and its employees have been bombarded with threats and accusations. The acting archivist in an email to the agency's staff noted their work is nonpartisan and urged them to hold steadfast to their mission.

"The National Archives has been the focus of intense scrutiny for months, this week especially, with many people ascribing political motivation to our actions," Wall wrote in an Aug. 24 letter. "NARA has received messages from the public accusing us of corruption and conspiring against the former President, or congratulating NARA for 'bringing him down.'"

"Neither is accurate or welcome," she added.

Wall has worked for more than three decades at the Archives, starting as an archivist trainee and advancing to second in line. She said in her letter that despite the political storm surrounding the agency, staff must continue their work "without favor or fear, in the service of our democracy."

AN ARCHIVIST CONFIRMATION BATTLE?

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Five days before the Mar-a-Lago search, Biden announced he was nominating Shogan, an executive at the White House Historical Association who previously spent a decade working at the Library of Congress, as the next archivist.

Nominees for the post are typically confirmed without controversy or fanfare. But that's unlikely this time. Shogan faces a charged confirmation process as Republicans demand answers about the Justice Department's investigation and the Archives' role in facilitating it. A confirmation hearing this fall has not yet been scheduled but could end up being unusually contentious.

Republicans in the House and Senate have pushed for more information about how the Archives made the decision to refer Trump's case to federal investigators.

Rep. James Comer of Kentucky, the top Republican on the House Oversight and Reform Committee, sent a letter Thursday demanding that the Archives' watchdog provide documents and communications about the case.

"Transparency is particularly important in the post-pandemic era when Americans are lacking trust in our institutions," Comer wrote.

So far, the National Archives has denied requests from both Democrats and Republicans on the committees that oversee the agency, instead referring them to the Justice Department where the investigation is now unfolding.

Today in History: September 4, Mother Teresa is canonized

By The Associated Press undefined

Today in History

Today is Sunday, Sept. 4, the 247th day of 2022. There are 118 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 4, 2016, elevating the "saint of the gutters" to one of the Catholic Church's highest honors, Pope Francis canonized Mother Teresa, praising her radical dedication to society's outcasts and her courage in shaming world leaders for the "crimes of poverty they themselves created."

On this date:

In 1781, Los Angeles was founded by Spanish settlers under the leadership of Governor Felipe de Neve.

In 1862, during the Civil War, Confederate forces led by Gen. Robert E. Lee began invading Maryland.

In 1888, George Eastman received a patent for his roll-film box camera, and registered his trademark: "Kodak."

In 1944, during World War II, British troops liberated Antwerp, Belgium.

In 1957, Arkansas Gov. Orval Faubus used Arkansas National Guardsmen to prevent nine Black students from entering all-white Central High School in Little Rock.

In 1969, the Food and Drug Administration issued a report calling birth control pills "safe," despite a slight risk of fatal blood-clotting disorders linked to the pills.

In 1972, U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz won a seventh gold medal at the Munich Olympics in the 400-meter medley relay.

In 1974, the United States established diplomatic relations with East Germany.

In 1999, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed a breakthrough land-for-security agreement during a ceremony in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt.

In 2005, six days after Hurricane Katrina left a devastated New Orleans in chaos, police stormed the Danziger Bridge, shooting and killing two unarmed people and wounding four others. (Five New Orleans police officers were found guilty of civil rights violations in connection with the shootings, but a federal judge threw out those convictions in Sept. 2013 and ordered a new trial, concluding the case had been tainted by "grotesque prosecutorial misconduct." The five officers entered guilty pleas in April 2016 under a plea agreement.)

In 2006, "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin, 44, died after a stingray's barb pierced his chest.

In 2018, Amazon became the second publicly-traded company to reach \$1 trillion in market value, following closely behind Apple.

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Ten years ago: Democrats opened their national convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, by ridiculing Republican Mitt Romney as a millionaire candidate who "quite simply doesn't get it"; first lady Michelle Obama lovingly praised her husband as a devoted spouse and caring father at home and a "man we can trust" to revive the nation's weak economy as president.

Five years ago: Texas emergency management officials said at least 60 deaths were attributed to Hurricane Harvey. (The death toll from the storm would reach 68 in Texas; damage in the state was estimated at \$125 billion.) Colombia's government and the country's last remaining major rebel group signed a cease-fire ahead of a visit by Pope Francis. J.D. Martinez hit four home runs for the Arizona Diamondbacks, tying the major league record; he was the 18th player in major league history to accomplish the feat. (The Diamondbacks beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 13-0 for their 11th straight win.)

One year ago: A utility official warned that full restoration of electricity to some of the hardest-hit areas of Louisiana battered by Hurricane Ida could take until the end of the month. Taliban special forces in camouflage fired their weapons into the air, bringing an abrupt and frightening end to the latest protest march in the capital by Afghan women demanding equal rights from the new rulers. Willard Scott, the longtime weatherman on NBC's "Today" show who was known for his self-deprecating humor and cheerful personality, died at 87.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mitzi Gaynor is 91. Soul singer Sonny Charles is 82. Actor Kenneth Kimmins is 81. Singer Merald "Bubba" Knight (Gladys Knight & The Pips) is 80. TV personality and veterinarian Dr. Jan (yahn) Pol (TV: "The Incredible Dr. Pol") is 80. World Golf Hall of Famer Raymond Floyd is 80. Actor Jennifer Salt is 78. World Golf Hall of Famer Tom Watson is 73. R&B musician Ronald LaPreard is 72. Actor Judith Ivey is 71. Rock musician Martin Chambers (The Pretenders) is 71. Actor Lawrence Hilton-Jacobs is 69. Actor Khandi Alexander is 65. Actor-comedian Damon Wayans Sr. is 62. Rock musician Kim Thayil is 62. Actor Richard Speight Jr. is 53. Actor Noah Taylor is 53. Actor Ione (eye-OH'-nee) Skye is 52. Actor-singer James Monroe Iglehart is 48. Pop-rock singer-DJ-musician-producer Mark Ronson is 47. R&B singer Richard Wingo (Jagged Edge) is 47. Rock musician Ian Grushka (New Found Glory) is 45. Actor Wes Bentley is 44. Actor Max Greenfield is 43. Country singer Granger Smith is 43. Singer Dan Miller (O Town) is 42. Singer Beyonce (bee-AHN'-say) Knowles is 41. Actor-comedian Whitney Cummings is 40. Actor-comedian Kyle Mooney (TV: "Saturday Night Live") is 38. Folk-rock musician Neyla Pekarek (NEE'-lah peh-KAYR'-ehk) (formerly with The Lumineers) is 36. Pop-rock singer-songwriter James Bay is 32. Actor Carter Jenkins is 31. Actor Trevor Gagnon is 27.